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Hi there! My fairy godmother has certainly been watching

over me this week. Not only has she granted my wish to join the Teen Towers team, but she's also magicked Ronan onto the cover. What more could a girl ask for?

Anyway, you won't need a fairy godmother to sort out your summer months. Our horoscopes (p14) give inside info on whether or not you're in for some summer lovin'. And if you don't know what to do now Glastonbury's been cancelled, take a gander at our DIY feature on p12. You'll never have to brave smelly toilets and dodgy Jarah x hot dogs again. Byeee!

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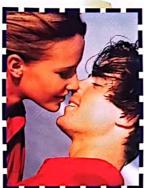
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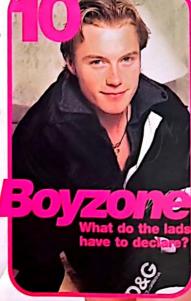
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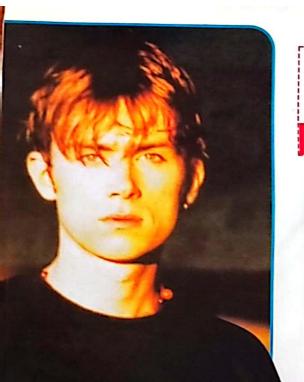
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This silver necklace from Freedom at Top Shop comes complete with a tiny ring on the end. But don't worry that your pockets mightn't stretch to the cost 'cause at £2.99, it's a veritable snip.

Win win win

Teen love story Beautiful Thing is set to be the hottest film of '96 So get a head start and nab some merch, as we've got ten tees and screenplays and 15 signed posters to give away. Cal 0891 408831 and tell us...

What beautiful things are housed in the **Tower of London?**

For competition rules see p59



Hurrah for Sarra 'n' Lara as they get ready for their hols and shout...

Current buns

Never mind Rear Of The Year winner Tracy Shaw (Corrie's Maxine), here are a few body-part comps we'd like to see

slinky celeb lads take part in:

Lush legs Whose legs look best in a pair of knee-high socks and some footie shorts? Ryan Giggs definitely has the thighs that make us sigh!

Perfect peepers Damon Albarn has eyes the colour of faded denim and we could quite happily lose ourselves in them 'til, er, the end of next week.

Horniest hair How To Make An American Quilt star Johnathon Schaech has tresses made for tugging, and the way his fringe falls into his eyes does something to us!

"Lish lips With that passionately pouty bottom lip, turned up corners and adorable wee dimples, fellow Quilter Jared Leto has a gob that we want to snog senseless with added bits of senselessness.

Touchable torso The new, all-improved Gary Barlow chest looks silky smooth and firm to the touch. Not that we speak from experience - doh!

Excellent eyebrows Not content with possessing sartorial nous and general

aceness, Jarvis Cocker has perfectly arched brows that can articulate disdain or interest within a mere twitch.

They wrote it, we quote it

"I haven't lived long enough to really give people my philosophy of life."

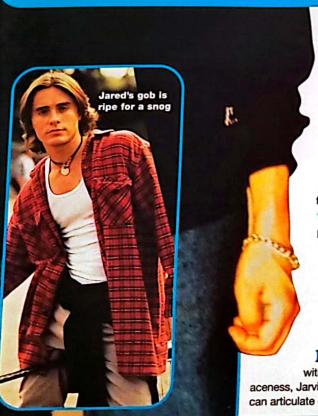
Chris O'Donnell, actor and trainee philosopher.

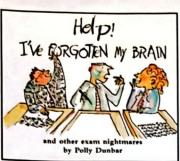


Word up!

(verb)

Origin: Yiddish word used by our Sarra and her folks. Pronounced sh-vitzing. Definition: To schwitz is to flap, panic, come over all sweaty and generally get all hot and bothered about silly little things. Usage: "Calm down, honey, it's only a French vocabulary test, so stop schwitzing!"





it's a **brain**

ighteen-year-old Polly Dunbar's just penned her first book. Help! I've Forgotten My Brain is a comical look at exams and we've got 20 copies to give away. So call 0891 408832 and answer the following question...

SE stands for? For competition rules turn to p59.



Gossip...

While Sarra's in New York in search of Stateside goss Dawn dishes the dirt...

The recent Cannes filmfest was awash with

frolicking celebs. Queen of the catwalk Naomi Campbell was schmoozing the night away with her new beau a balding fella who looked old enough to be her dad ★ Granny Elizabeth Taylor snubbed a charity premiere of Jane Austen's Emma 'cause the cinema seats were too uncomfortable - how's about cutting down on the popcorn, Lizzie? ★ Decked in a daring pink sequinned dress, Eva 'Wonderbra' Herzigova was up in the clouds as

she boldly posed for press snaps on her bodyguard's shoulder! Eva shy? We think not! ★ And greedy Leonardo DiCaprio attended the festival with two beautiful women on his arms - his grandmother and his mum. They did give him his facial genes after all! ★ When Pammy gave birth to baby Brandon

earlier this month, her caring olds moved closer so they could be on hand with a relaxing cup of tea. Y'see Pam decided to give birth au naturel at home - and refused every painkiller on offer. Ouch! ★ Someone too busy to drop any more sprogs is model Niki Taylor, who appeared on the May covers of six

fash mags, causing jealous rifts between the magazines editors. All would have preferred exclusives but, hey, a girl's gotta get noticed! ★ Wild woman Courtney Love seems to have called a halt to her crazy stunts. Studio

bosses on the set of her new film, The People Vs. Larry Flynt, took out extra insurance to cover Courtney's infamous antics, but were so chuffed with her good behaviour they bought her a \$400 necklace * Spotted in London: Liam and Patsy in a Japanese restaurant in a very jovial mood, Upside Down in a caff opposite Selfridges, and Blur's Damon and Graham having a coffee with a mystery girl in Camden.

'What A Week' was written to the sounds of Darren Day's Summer Holiday Medley, The Brit Pops Orchestra,

The Beatles' Rubber Soul and J17 doing The Dog.

Furr iriend

his furry photo frame is the biz! It's from Miss Selfridge and costs £6 - a small price to pay to display a lush lad like Paul Nicholls.

Take it easy

There's a great deal of musical mai going on at Finsbury Park, London on 22 June. Topping the bill is ancient mod band Madness, who'll be joined by Mike Flowers Pops. So if you're mad fer it, ring your nearest ticket office for details.

Sticking sequins on our cheeks

Scoffing Fab ice lollies They're enough to make any girl dribble

Neil Codling from Suede Cute spunkster alert!

Freckly faces

Tie-dyeing our tees to match our mood

New McVities Mini-Penguins

Belly chains

They snap very easily and you need a flat turn to get away with 'em

Soggy tissues from hayfever

> Smelly sandal feet Still three weeks to go 'til the summer hols

> > **Worrying about** exams

Perfume with alcohol

Ooh, it stings your neck in the summer heat



Just Seventeen * 5

Levi's spacekid Sam Hamilton's room is simply outta this world...

was brought up in the country but moved to London three years ago to seek fame, fortune and anything more exciting than the Norfolk Broads! I live in a big top-floor flat with Zowie and Chris, the two other members of our band, The Beatmolls. We're into acting, art and modelling – but the band is the biggest hat we're wearing!

Levi's laddie

I couldn't believe it when I got the part of an alien teenager in the Levi's *Spaceman* campaign. Suddenly Mercs were picking me up for work and I was eating dinner at Pinewood Studios next to Tom Cruise! Since then I've been recognised a few times, and people point at me and sing *Spaceman*!

Zowie (she's a girl, by the way) and I both work for the same modelling agency. As we've got dreads, piercings and tattoos we always get work as junkies, travellers, homeless people or cyberpunks.

House mates

We met on the set of EastEnders, where we'd got bit parts drinking in the Vic. We were told to mime a conversation, but we whispered dirty things to crack each other up. Then we were in a 7-Up ad and had to dance for 14 hours to get the right shots. At the end we were so fed up we went crazy pogoing – and that was the bit they used.

We hooked up with Chris via an ad in *Melody Maker*. He wanted somebody tacky to front his band – and reckoned Zowie and I were perfect! Chris writes the music, and we all sing and help with the lyrics.

We called ourselves The Beatmolls after the American Beat Generation writers. 'Moll' is the word for a gangster's girlfriend.

It was a reaction against all that hardcore macho gangsta-rap stuff. Hopefully we'll get up their noses a bit! Our first single's just out, so we've got our fingers crossed.

Play away!

It's nice living and working together as mates like one big, happy family. Sure we argue, but it's never over boring stuff like who's going to do the washing-up. Work and play are all rolled into one, so the music just happens spontaneously. We knock around together and then the ideas come up. The next thing you know, we've got a song.

We don't have any house rules (except to turn the guitars down if the neighbours complain!) or any particular routine we stick to. We like to listen to music, to make music, and to play Jenga.

Sometimes we'll go out shopping together to Portobello Road Market, or have picnics in the park. No two days are ever the same. My ambition is to fill up my life with as many hobbies as possible. I'll try anything once, and most things way more than that.

Rock 'n' roll with it

Whether we were a band or not, I reckon we'd still have a rock 'n' roll lifestyle. We'd still dress up and live it large. It's like the other night, when we went out to our fave club, Escape From Samsara. We headed out on Saturday night and didn't get home until Monday evening. We don't have to switch to being The Beatmolls – we are them!"

 If you know a boy with a cool room who'd like to be in 'A Room With A Phew!' send his details and a photo to Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED.



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Andy Warhol pic

"He was an American artist in the '60s who got all these creative people in one



house and turned world's attention on them. That's what we want to try and achieve. (Could get a bit

Mobile home

"Our house totally reflects the band's spirit. It's colourful, lively, happening, glamorous, fluffy and weird. We're all into bright, kitschy junk you won't be seeing us down IKEA."





corner "I was never really into Courtney Love until I saw her live. And live she's just something else. One day

I hope to be as famous

Courtney

as her. Ever since I was little I've felt that I was destined to be famous."

Lairy jacket "My mum runs a second-hand clothes shop called Grandma's Wardrobe, selling everything from 18th century ball gowns to hideous

'70s flares. When



invited to be a dancer on Hotel Babylon, I didn't have a clue what to wear, until Mum turned up with this purple jacket and it worked perfectly. She's well cool!"

Band in the UK
"The Beatmolls' mission is to have lots of fun, glam up, and show off. Everyone writes about pain, but we're not into that. Our current single is called Wendy Wannabe, and it's about a girl who just wants to be everybody except herself."



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stranger when I was out clubbing the other night. She just came up, kissed my face off and then disappeared into the crowd."

On my stereo: Leftfield, The

Prodigy and, er, The Beatmolls.

Fave phrase: "Cool banana!"

from the Banana Splits. It's just

the happiest programme ever!

La la la, la-la la la..."

Last film seen: Living In Oblivion.

"The didg has a weird sound, like no other instrument - and you don't need a giant mouth to play it. This was made for me by a guy who lived with Australian Aborigines for years. It's good for getting into clubs cheap, although I've never tried to serenade a girl with it.



You've bagged a boy and everything's groovy. Only problem is that figure from his past who's just waiting to mess things up. Well, worry not, 'cause seeing her off couldn't be easier...

Don't an

The Bitch

Yikes! This is the type of ex every girl dreads. She's nasty to you and spreads rumours about your love life. And as if that wasn't enough,



she loves to flirt with your boyfriend.
The Bitch can't bear the thought that you've got what she once had – but couldn't keep. And now she sees her ex with you, her blood's a-boiling.
What she does: Go to a party where this ex is and The Bitch'll make your life hell. She'll be all over your lad like a rash, pressing herself up against him when he's dancing, all the time looking at you.

Once he escapes her clutches, she'll go back to her gaggle of mates and whisper about your legs when you walk past in your little skirt. Confront her and she'll laugh at you and hiss that he's only going out with you 'cause he heard you're easy. How he reacts: He's as powerless as you when it comes to stopping her. You see, to him she's just a mistake he's since learned from. She never cared about him in the first place, so won't take any notice when he asks her to leave you alone. She'll find the whole thing hilarious. How to handle her: Don't get him to say anything. Hold your head up high, squeeze his hand and walk on past with a smirk, like the puss who got the pasteurised. He'll love the angelic way you put up with her just for him, and he'll wonder why he ever went out with The Bitch in the first place. Result!

Still Good Friends

This ex is clingier than a Lycra body that's shrunk in the wash. At first you'll feel sorry for her, but soon she'll be annoying you big-time – not to mention crying on your lad's shoulder.



What she does: You've

been seeing him a few weeks and it's your first night on your own. You're settling down for a good, long snog when the phone rings. It's Still Good Friends. She's argued with her mate and wants to tell him all about it. So you sit on the sofa trying not to look stupid as he mumbles, 'Oh no, really? You poor thing. What did you say?' etc.

You try not to show you're bothered at first. But then it happens again the next week. Soon she's inviting him round to Sunday lunch, then it's her cousin's wedding which he promised to go to months ago. This girl refuses to acknowledge the fact that he's going out with you now. It's not that she wants him back, it's just that she's relied on him for so long she can't stop it. When she's upset or needs support, she just picks up that phone. How he reacts: The poor lamb hasn't got a clue. 'Well, I couldn't say no, could I?' he tells you as Still Good Friends emotionally blackmails him into going to some other event with her. He feels torn between his two favourite girls. Only thing is, his ex isn't his fave anymore. How to handle her: You've got to remind him he's going out with you now. Tell him you're not prepared to sit around waiting for him while he babysits his ex. You could turn up with him next time they meet up - it'll remind Still Good Friends how badly she's behaving. You could even try fixing her up with a sympathetic boy you know.



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The Saint

No-one's got a bad word to say against this sort of ex. He's still friends with her,



his mates think she's great, and even your friends can't help saying how nice she is. This is worse than handling a bitchy ex - you've got no real reason to hate her, but you just do. What she does: You don't see her around that much, but every time her name's mentioned you remember it and it festers inside. The first time you see what she looks like is in his photo album. Everyone says she's pretty

and she is - damn it all! His mates always go on about that holiday they went on with your boyfriend and her. The real trouble with The Saint is that you find yourself thinking he must still love her. How he reacts: When you bring Dumb And Dumber round for a cosy video night snuggled up on the sofa, he might say, 'I went to see this with Dawn.' But when you think he's smiling about her, don't worry - it's only Jim Carrey on his mind. How to handle her: Simple talk to him. Ask him how long he went out with The Saint, what she's like and why they broke up. He'll tell you why she's no longer his girlfriend and you are. If you're lucky he'll say she was a bit of a pain/bore/nag. Then you can concentrate on the two of you.

Big Sister

This girl wouldn't dream of being nasty to her ex's new girlfriend. When she hears about



you, she just can't wait to meet and befriend you. She's an ultra-annoying version of Alicia Silverstone in Clueless. This girl's as sweet as pie. So sweet she makes you sick. What she does: You and your boyfriend have been together

barely five minutes before Big Sis' is there, asking you how you met, how you're getting on and how many pairs of pants you've got.

Then comes the advice. Just 'cause she went out with him before you, the Big Sis' thinks you want to hear all about it from her. 'Have you met Ben's brothers yet?' 'No.'

'Oh, you will, you will,' she nods wisely. 'Have you discovered his Pamela Anderson mags yet?

'Er...' 'Oh I always take the mickey out of him for it.' You'll just want to wipe the knowing little smile off her face.

You and your boyfriend have

your first row and there she is, watching. 'Oh, is he getting possessive? Yeah, he used to do that with me all the time. What you should do is ... ' How he reacts: This is the worst thing about the Big Sis' your boyfriend thinks it's great that you get on so well. 'What were you two gossiping about?' he smiles, after she's cornered you for hours. You can't admit you like her about as much as nits - she's so nice you'll end up looking the bitch.

How to handle her: Just bite your tongue and play along with Big Sister. But next time she says, 'Oh, I like your dress. What does Ben think, though? Ben hates short skirts, didn't you know?' Tell her, 'Oh no, he thinks my legs are ace and always tells me to show them off more." With any luck, Big Sis'll button it and leave you alone.



If I don't, my hair stands on end and I end up looking like Wurzel Gummidge."

"I got this recently from a duty-free shop in Ireland. I usually wear a bit of aftershave in the evening. I like the smell of Hugo Boss - it's pretty sophisticated."

Mobile phone

"So I can speak to my mum! It's the most essential thing when we're on the road -I speak to her every day without fail."

R Kelly and old Motown songs. I'm a big fan of ragga and rap. Shane and I share a room on tour

'cause we've got similar music tastes. We might listen to some Jodeci to chill out to after a gig."

The Ronan Keating on-tour experience

"When we get back to the hotel after a gig, we chill out in the bar for a while. But if I'm feeling unsociable I'll go straight to bed with a book. I'm reading Albert Einstein at the moment - I'm trying to broaden

my mind!"

Shane

Whitening toothpaste

"It's got peroxide in it to keep my teeth white. I like to think I've got a nice, white smile, especially when we're on stage. Most of the time, I nick it from Ronan. He always brings loads on tour so I rely on him to keep me in stock!"

Tweezers

"They're for my eyebrow - I have to pluck it every morning. No one would recognise me if I didn't have novelty eyebrows! I dyed my hair as well before I came on tour -I couldn't go on stage with plain old hair."

Keys

"My keyring's got a penknife on it - a record company in Switzerland gave it to me. It's got scissors and toothpicks on as well. The other keyring is a little silver Porsche. I've got a proper lime green Porsche at home and the keyring reminds me of that." (Like, you need reminding? - Ed.)

Toothbrushes

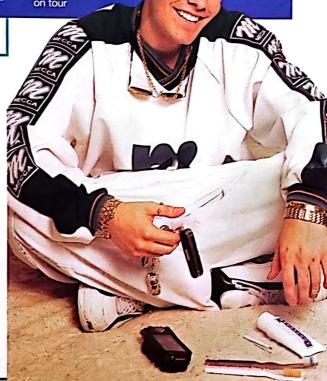
"I've got two of them. This one's a smoker's toothbrush - I don't smoke, but I've used one ever since I was a kid. I use the other gentler brush round my gums to give my teeth that final polish."

Telephone

"It's got a little religious medal on that my ma gave me to keep me safe - I think it works y'know. It's got a picture of Mary on it. Not many people have my telephone number - I just keep the phone so I can call my mates and my ma."

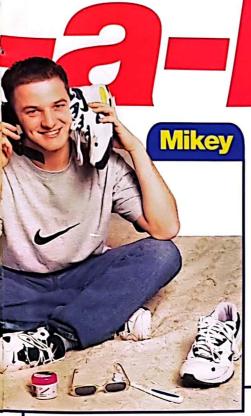
The Shane Lynch on-tour experience

"Fans differ so much from place to place - they're either really up for it or dead reserved. Irish accents are pretty difficult to understand, so we have to speak really clearly in countries where they don't speak English - it can be a bit of a challenge."



Behind the scenes with Boyzone

"Know a boy by his luggage!" cried J17 as we caught up with Boyzone after a gig. But did the boys have anything to declare?



"I do go jogging, so I need a decent pair of trainers - they're Nike Airs. I'm a bit of a walking advertisement for Nike actually."

Toothbrush

"Whatever you're doing in life you need to keep your choppers nice and clean. Some people's teeth are yellow, but that's their natural colouring yellow teeth are actually stronger."

Sunglasses

"Shane gave me these in Japan. He wasn't too crazy on them, but they suit me. Pop stars are meant to wear cool sunglasses, but I don't think anything would make me look like a pop star."

Hair wax

"I've just had my hair

cut, so in order to make it look halfdecent I use a bit of wax every day."

"Probably the most essential part of being away from home is to have a phone. You have to keep in contact all the time. I give my baby a call and she sings to me down the phone."

The Mikey Graham on-tour experience

"On the first night of the tour I got a call to say that my girlfriend had gone into labour. I went back and saw the birth. It's pretty scary being a dad now I'm responsible for this little child for the rest of its life. But when you see her face it makes it all worthwhile."

Stephen

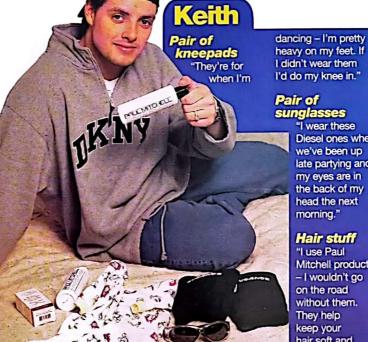
"The shampoo is baby shampoo so it doesn't sting my eyes. I've got detangler to make it easier to brush my hair, and mousse to get my hair looking right. This stuff is the best, and not too expensive either."

Walkman

"My favourite album at the moment is the soundtrack to Betty Blue (arty French flick) which is really beautiful. Last night I watched Sister Act II on video and kept rewinding it to sing along to the songs."

Mobile Phone "I never leave home

without it. My last



one was black but I fancied a red one this time. I mainly phone my mum on it. She hasn't got a phone, but I phone my aunt who lives down the road and she'll get my mum."

Sunglasses

"D'you like them? Shane gave them to me as a present. I find it difficult to get sunglasses to suit me, but I think these look OK."

Reading matter

"I'm reading this Roald Dahl book, James and the Giant Peach, at the moment. It's brilliant I read 19 chapters in one day."

The Stephen Gateley on-tour experience

"Last night I went on stage and

my flies were undone. I didn't realise until I saw this girl pointing at me. So I zipped myself up and carried on. Fortunately, I don't think too many people noticed!"

Baby gear

"The fans give me baby clothes all the time, it's really sweet. I use all the stuff I've been given - I don't think I've had to buy anything for the baby yet! The clothes remind me of the little fella as well."

"I wear these

we've been up

my eyes are in

the back of my

head the next

Hair stuff

Mitchell products

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"I use Paul

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keep your

hair soft and

manageable!"

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late partying and

The Keith Duffy on-tour

experience "I've fallen over a few of times on stage and once I did a routine backwards. Everyone was jumping one way, and I ended up looking in completely the opposite direction. I laughed it off but I was mortified at the same time.'

Glastonbury's off this year, but that's no excuse for missing out on the fun. Follow our guide to recreating that icky, sticky festival feel, all in the comfort of your very own home...

The **atmos**

Your own bedroom is the best place for festival fun. Most festivals take place outdoors, but this doesn't have to be a major obstacle. Transport several wheelbarrow loads of mud from the garden to your bedroom. Apply it liberally to the carpet. Attach a leaky hosepipe to your ceiling and turn it on. Why, it's just like a heavy mid-summer downfall!

Alternate the 'rain' with intense sunburninducing heat by turning up the central

heating full whack. Voilal Your festival is now ready to begin...



Swipe the cat's litter tray, pausing briefly to savour the pungent



aroma. Enjoy, 'cause this will be your toilet for the duration of festivities!

And no bog roll for you either, missus. Once you've used up all those manky tissues from the bottom of your bag, you'll have to sprinkle, shake and drip dry. Hey, you've gotta be true to Glasto tradition!

The audience

Obviously you'll want your mates to attend. Before they enter the festival site, charge them £50. Give your bestest chums and any

lads you fancy a backstage pass (so they can use the deluxe area, ie. bathroom).



The **music**

What would a festival be without loads of fab live music? Not much! Put some dodgy batteries in your cassette player, turn it down low and savour that crackly, rumbly sound. Make some figures out of

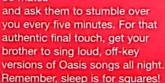
plasticine and set them up on the stage (that's the windowsill to you and me). Then

stand as far away as possible, so you can hardly see them. Even better, get your tallest pals to stand in front of you so they completely block your view.



It's time for shut-eye, so borrow your brother's smelly, stained sleeping bag and

place it over your soiled floor (creepy crawlies optional). Assemble 50 mates



Food 'n' drink

For the authentic festival food experience, cook some veggie burgers, ensuring that they're cold on the inside and burnt on the



Arrange them on a flimsy cardboard plate with some wilted salad and charge yourself a fiver. Quaff five litres of warm, flat coke, then spend the next four hours queueing up for the loo and regretting the entire experience.



Your audience will expect some quality New Age entertainment. Pilfer your mum's rockery and arrange some stones on the floor.

This is your healing circle. Get your little

brother on a

face-painting tip, walk around on stilts and generally



hat, but this is ridicule

The festival survival kit

If you're dead-set on going to a festival this summer, there are certain essentials to stick in your rucksack:

* Wet wipes When you're at a festival, showers and baths are a dim-and-distant memory. But with a few well-applied wet wipes, you can be as fresh as a daisy.

★ Bottled water Not just for drinking. Useful for splashing on your face and wiping sticky stains off your T-shirt.

★ Sunt block Having to spend all weekend with sunburn and heat blisters is totally uncool. Take some high factor sunblock and smear liberally on your nose.

annoy everyone. Mad hippietypes are a vital part of every festival.

And remember: next time you're tempted to hold a festival or even go to one, it's much more fun to watch it on the telly.

Festival guide

Glastonbury's still the king of festivals but here's a guide to other outdoor pop action this summer:

Phoenix Festival

Stratford-upon-Avon

When: 18-21 July
Who's playing: Björk, The
Prodigy, Foo Fighters, Manic
Street Preachers and more

How much: £65

Info line: 0181-963 0940

Knebworth Park

Stevenage, Herts When: 10-11 August Who's playing: Oasis How much: £22.20

Freefone ticketline: 0800 614595

Chelmsford Festival

When: 17 August

Who's playing: Supergrass,
Pulp, Cast and more

How much: £25

See national press for ticket outlets

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When: 26-28 August

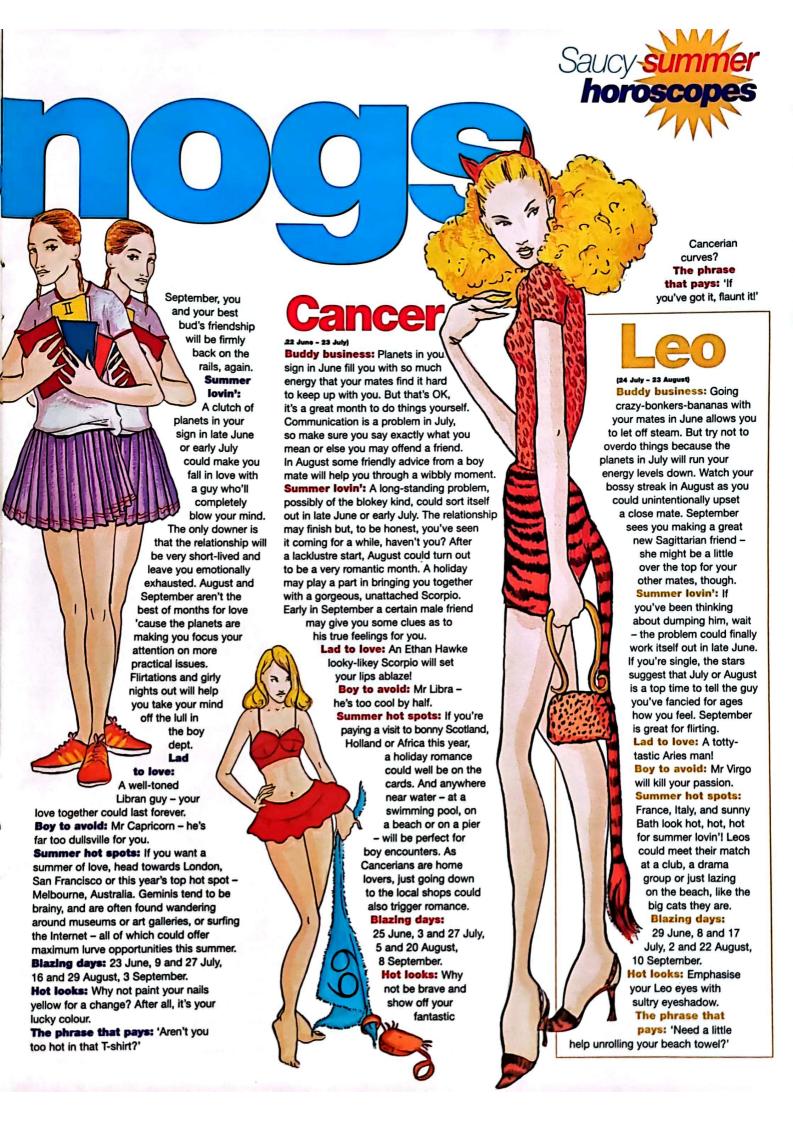
Who's playing: Bands to be confirmed

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Virgo

(24 August - 23 September)

Buddy business: If you've got a Taurean friend, take care not to go too wild on a joint shopping spree. Say yes to a trip with a friend in August, as it's about time you went on a girly adventure. September looks good for making new mates.

Summer lovin': If shyness has been a major snog obstacle, a powerful Lunar/Jupiter trend at the beginning of July will give you the confidence you need. In August, a mate may play

matchmaker with you and a boy you've had your beady eye on for some time.

Lad to love:
An Aquarian

lad - but don't try to change him.

Boy to avoid: A Sagittarian who makes you feel self-conscious.

Summer hot spots: Head to Greece, Crete or Paris to meet a lush lad. Or take up a new hobby, particularly one which involves making things with your hands. Blazing days: 30 June, 16 and 27 July, 16 and 22 August, 1 September. Hot looks: Enhance your lips with your own, home-made colour. Blend two shades, then apply with a lip brush. The phrase that pays: 'Go on

then, persuade me...'

Scorpio

24 October - 22 November

Buddy business: Adverse planetary goings on at the end of June and most of July sees your plans fraught with problems – friends may cancel nights out at the last moment, everything you touch will seem to break, and you might inadvertently upset a friend. August sees things pick up again – you'll be full of energy, and feel

you can
take on
whatever
life throws
at you.
A close
Virgo friend
could get lucky
with a boy you've
had your eye on.
So don't lose out –
ask him for a date
now, before it's too late.

Summer lovin': If you have a lad in your life, June could see a rather tense atmosphere between you both. If you can't patch things up, early July's a good time to take some time out until things cool down.

Remember, absence makes

the heart grow fonder.
Love is very much in
the air come August.
Even if you're not
looking for it, you may
be swept off your feet
by a gorgeous guy, and
sucked head first into a
holiday snogathon. Guard
against that terrible Scorpio
jealousy of yours in September.
Lad to love: Snogs with a
Cancerian boy will be steamin'!
Boy to avoid: Mr Libra – you

scare him witless.

Summer hot spots: Morocco,
Norway or Valencia in Spain could
get you all hot and bothered. And
by indulging a natural love of sport,
particularly tennis or go-kart racing,
Scorpios could find themselves

Scorpios could find themselves in the thick of the love action.

Blazing days: 25 June, 7 and 18 July, 3 and 30

August, 7 September.

Hot looks: Make
the most of your
sultry Scorpio
eyes with
a couple of
coats of

dark mascara.

The phrase that pays: 'Fancy a game of mixed doubles?'



(24 September - 23 October)

Buddy business: Mars rouses your sense of adventure throughout June and July, making you want to revamp your image. Some fashion tips from a close mate help you along. Come August, events closer to home will preoccupy you - but don't neglect your best bud 'cause she'll need your shoulder to cry on. An evening out on 1 September could lead to unexpected romance. Summer lovin': There's the chance of hot romance for Librans holidaying in June or July. Sadly, it's doubtful whether anything will come of it as you'll probably find that you live too far away to keep things going. Both Venus and Mars are riding high in your solar chart in August, signalling the start of what could be a totty-tastic time. If you're already involved with a guy, September will see the relationship moving on to a deeper level.

Lad to love: Any
Aquarian who'll do all the running!
Boy to avoid: A Capricorn lad
who says he 'respects you'.
Summer hot spots: Small islands,

Egypt and Copenhagen could make you go all wibbly. Trips to the zoo could provide sizzling romance, and any artistic efforts begun this summer may lead to much, much more.

Blazing days: 29 June, 2 and 16 July, 12 and 27 August, 16 September.

Hot looks: You're one of the most attractive signs of the Zodiac – don't underestimate the power of your looks.

The phrase that pays: 'Get your coat, you've pulled!'

Sagittarius

Buddy business: Money's too tight to mention late in June, but you'll discover the best things in life are free. A new friendship forged in July will affect your life greatly, but come August, Pluto could make you realise that your new mate's a little too sly for comfort. Don't worry, you'll make loads of new mates in September. Summer lovin': The very end of June and most of July could be the most eventful month of the year if you're looking for serious snogs - Venus and Mars are both active in your chart, so passion is very likely. August sees you full of confidence and you can

have anything or anyone you want - even that cute guy who you thought wasn't interested. Sadly, though, August looks set to put the brakes on things. A little tact will go a long way to help put things back on track.

Lad to love: Mr Leo's the man for you. Grrr!

Boy to avoid: Mr Cancer's far too possessive for you. Summer hot spots:

Holidays in Avignon in France, Naples in Italy or anywhere in Spain bode well if you're looking for lip action. Play up to your natural desire to explore and go hiking or climbing - boys will flock around. Blazing days: 29 June, 3 and 28 July, 1 and 26 August, 5 September. Hot looks: Paint your nails blue for extra attention this summer.

The phrase that pays: 'Let me help you with that suntan lotion, young man.'

Capricom

Buddy business: The

fiery planet, Mars, could cause differences of opinion in late June/early July. Misunderstandings may continue during August so watch what you say. Don't dismiss any criticism levelled at you in September too quickly, as what's said could be true. Summer lovin': In July a boy

you thought of as a friend may reveal that his feelings for you run far deeper. Think carefully before you react - a flippant reply could end the friendship for good. Planetary aspects in August will boost your confidence. Be bold and follow your heart in September. If he's telling you he fancies you, don't dither, ask him out. Lad to love: Mr Virgo takes things nice and

slow - just the way you like it.

Boy to avoid: Mr Leo - he's all you dislike in a guy. Summer hot spots: Head for the isles of Scotland or Oxford if it's snogs you're after. Or take a pet for a walk - you may encounter boys on a similar mission. Blazing days: 27 June, 1 and 15 July, 7 and

16 August, 9 September.

Hot looks: Be daring, and colour your hair it'll get most boys a tremblin'.

The phrase that pays: 'Oh, go on then, you've convinced me.'

guarius

Buddy business: June could well see you arguing with a pal. But planetary

> aspects in July warn you that this isn't a good time to stand your ground - even if you think you're in the right. Back off a little until things cool down.

If you and your mate still find yourselves on shaky ground in August, remember you don't have to live in each other's pockets. Watch your flirtatious nature in September.

Summer lovin': If things have been uncertain love-wise recently, July could be the month where the situation finally sorts itself out - one way or another. Come August, you may feel that boys are totally uninterested in

you. But it's only a passing phase and September will be much more promising. Lad to love: A Scorpio lad is best if all you want is pure, unadulterated lust. Boy to avoid: Getting it on with a Taurean

will leave you feeling cold.

Summer hot spots: St Petersberg in Russia, Hamburg in Germany or Sweden could be passion hot spots this summer. And trying an unusual watersport, such as waterskiing or diving, will give you the perfect flirting oppo. Blazing days: 30 June, 11 and 17 July, 1 and 26 August, 1 September.

Hot looks: Don't think you have to make

a huge effort to look sexy - you don't. The phrase that pays: 'Oh, it is you, after all. For a moment there I mistook you for Brad Pitt.'



Saucy-sumn horoscop

Buddy business:

You'll be in great demand in June and July and loads of parties look likely to be on the cards.

> may turn to you for advice in

friend

August, but the planets warn you to take a very detached view of her prob. By all means offer your opinions, but don't lay down any hard and fast rules otherwise you could end up taking the blame for someone else's mistake. A new girl at school will annoy you in September.

Summer lovin': If your life's been boy-free recently, June and July look pretty barren too, unfortunately - you'll have to wait until after 7 August, when the planet of love, Venus, travels

through your chart, bringing boy matters very much to the fore. A full moon at the end of August may mark the beginning of an emotional turning point. If he wants to take things further, be sure you really want to before saying yes. Mercury's retrograde motion early in September could see you and a lad at each other's throats!

Lad to love: A Cancerian guy could be your true soul-mate.

Boy to avoid: Mr Aquarius is far too unromantic for you.

Summer hot spots: Portugal and any of the Mediterranean islands bode well if you want some hot summer lovin'. Pisceans love helping others, and stand a strong chance of having a romantic encounter at an animal sanctuary or charity fundraising event.

Blazing days: 25 June, 16 and 27 July, 7 and 28 August, 14 September. Hot looks: Piscean girls tend to have shapely curves, so make the most of 'em.

The phrase that pays: 'Let's get ready to rhumble, Romeo.'





More than 10,000 dogs have been killed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, in the last three years, and thousands more roam the streets in search of food and a home...

f you were to visit the war-torn city of Sarajevo and go to the town's only pet shop, you might notice something strangely missing. Dogs. The shop, which has recently re-opened, only sells caged birds and small quantities of animal food. Dogs aren't the most popular pets in Bosnia.

Packs of canines, which were abandoned by their owners, have roamed the streets since war broke out. They cause traffic accidents, foul the streets and infect people with rabies. The town is desperate to get rid of them.

Death sentence

Ken Rowe, an animal warden who has just returned from a WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals) fact-finding mission in Bosnia, says the methods used to destroy the animals are inhumane. "Basically, they catch the dogs, take them somewhere and then kill them," says Ken.

In Sarajevo, larger dogs are clubbed unconscious, then given an injection straight into the heart. In another area, Tuzla, the dog-catchers go around in pairs, usually at night, and shoot the dogs. Last year 1,700 dogs were shot in Tuzla. However, there's been no shooting for the last two months. They ran out of ammunition for the guns.

The official dog-catcher in Tuzla is also the zoo manager. "Although he shoots dogs, he does have compassion for animals," says Ken. "He's so keen for things to be improved, but it all boils down to money." Before the war, there were

around 100 animals in the zoo – 70 per cent of them died in the war. "All the big cats died of starvation," explains Ken. "Other animals died from the

shooting and shelling, or from shock." The manager openly admitted that unless the situation at the zoo improves, he'd like to see it closed.

Dogs of war

Despite the problems at the zoo, dogs are still the biggest animal-welfare concern in Bosnia. Between 1993 and today, 10,000 dogs have been killed in Sarajevo alone. This may seem cruel but, says Ken, the Bosnians don't have much choice – unless wealthier families or soldiers choose to adopt a dog.

"Remember, Sarajevo was hit very badly. During the war it was like a bombsite. The dog was the first to go, especially among the poorer families – they barely had enough food for themselves."

Now that Bosnia is slowly rebuilding itself, money is tight and there isn't enough for such 'extras' as animal welfare. Vets would like to neuter and spay the dogs, which would help prevent an overpopulation problem in the future, but getting medical supplies and food, as well as building kennels



and finding homes for

In Bosnia an average tin of dog food costs £1.80, and a flea collar costs £9, so it's obvious people can't afford such luxuries.

dogs is

expensive.

Cry for help

Besides seeking financial aid, Bosnia needs to pressure its government into providing an animal welfare system, which it currently doesn't have. But a little help does go a long way. When Ken and the WSPA team went to Bosnia, they brought £3,000 worth of humane dog-catching equipment and gave demonstrations on how to use it.

They also donated the drugs commonly used in Britain to put animals to sleep humanely, and left a supply with qualified vets.
"We don't want all the animals to be put to sleep," Ken says, "but at present we don't have any other option – we can only make sure it's done properly."

But the situation won't change overnight. Ken explains, "Even if we're able to build shelters and teach the people how to look after the animals, somebody's then got to maintain those shelters – pay the staff, supply food and drugs, and provide medical care. I don't think the Bosnian government is inclined to do that much for animals. They've got bigger problems to worry about."

How to be a dog's best friend...

Since 1992, the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) has made regular trips to the former-Yugoslavian countries of Bosnia and Croatia, to help the plight of wildlife and abandoned pets. They're currently lobbying the United Nations and the Bosnian government for further funds for dog kennels and neutering schemes. If you'd like to make a donation to the WSPA Bosnia Appeal, write to them at: Dept PD2, Freepost, Northampton NN3 6BR. Or, for more information on what you can do to help dogs in Bosnia and around the world, call the WSPA headquarters on 0171-793 0540.







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Twice as many friends with half the effort? Anything's possible with J17's guide to bluffing your way into the spotlight...

here's a 'most popular girl' in every school – a girl who's never surprised when surprise parties are thrown for her. Adoring admirers jostle each other for the privilege of sharing a desk with her. She's team-leader in netball, holds court in the playground and is never stuck for a date. Know the sort? Grrr...

If you find it hard to even rustle up a friend for the threelegged race on sports day, Princess Popular's friendcollecting habits seem daunting. But however effortless it may seem, juggling loads of friends is hard work.

You have to put in hours on the phone, be original and loudly entertaining, wear matching socks and party all night, every night. Unless, that is, you follow the essential J17 guide to instant popularity...

Queen of the social scene

Never forget that lots of people are pretty lazy about their social life and just wait for the good times to happen. Which is where you come in. Just think of a ready-made venue – the local caff or the park – and put out word of a get-together. Tell the people with the biggest gobs and get them to broadcast the news.

If you're having a picnic, get everyone to bring along some food and a game-type thing, and watch the fun start to happen. After that, return invites will just flood in.

Another thing to note is that popular people are spontaneous and aren't tempted to pour cold water on a hot invite by demanding three weeks' notice. So put your best lippy and flirtiest frock on stand-by, just in case the phone rings.

Happygo-lucky

It's amazing how many people will want to spend time with you if you make them feel good. This doesn't mean being good at shiatsu or picking winning lottery numbers (although that'd be a bonus), but is just a matter of saying something nice. Simply complimenting people on, say, their taste in clothes will make them instantly warm to you.

Another way of winning affection is by being a good listener. Instead of leaping in with a witty story whenever there's a lull in the conversation, allow them to get their own ropey jokes and confessions off their chests. Say nothing and be adored.

Boys, boys, boys

If you've got an address book bulging with lads' numbers, you'll find yourself becoming instantly popular with girls as well. So flirt with 'em and lark about with 'em.

Try broadcasting a newfound interest in a boyhobby, such as cricket or mopeds. Boys will be so stunned they'll be falling over themselves to explain the rules or mechanics to you.

Then all you have to do is let the girls know you've got the phone numbers of some of the cutest boys in town. Obviously, your 'interest' doesn't have to go as far as actually getting your hands (or knees) dirty!

Just flaunt it

Keeping a low profile will take the shine off your new-found popularity, so always make out you're in demand. If you suspect you won't be chosen for the school quiz team, offer to be the question mistress. Or if you're without an invite to Saturday night's party, make sure you have another important engagement on the same day – exaggerate tea at your gran's if necessary.

And never, ever scream,
"Why did you dump me?
What's wrong with me?"
across the classroom. Giving
the impression that no-one
wants you is guaranteed to
make people not want you.
Mmm, funny that.

How to make lads want your number

Do laugh at their jokes and make them laugh too.

Do go out occasionally without your best mate clamped to your arm.

Do make eye contact if a boy talks to you, instead of just shuffling and nervously looking down at your feet.

Don't go on and on about how wonderful/bad your ex was or how crap you are at French verbs.

Don't bark, "What are you staring at?" if they gaze at you.

Don't announce that you're devoting yourself to your studies.

Don't brag about how popular you are.



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Make 'em laugh

If the very thought of amusing an audience of friends makes your mouth go dry, remember that you don't have to come up with original, Vic Reeves-style comic material. Like, your inability to get out of bed before midday at the weekend could mean nothing interesting or funny happens to you. But hey, you can always try, "Have you seen that fab Jared feature in J17?" or "Can you believe Bev from Brookie's new leggings?"

Keep your bizarreantennae tuned and you could soon be a fund of fascinating anecdotes. An impression of two old biddies moaning on the bus can be just as interesting as a juicy nugget of celeb gossip.

And remember, whether it's losing your virginity or losing a filling, it's not what happened that's important, but the way you tell it. Simply giggling mid-sentence can often make something sound funny. People will soon be crowding round wondering what the heck you're chuckling at. Your grin will have them gagging for more and you'll be so popular you won't be able to wipe it off your face!

Happy birthday!

A birthday's a day of reckoning. A day when people tot up the amount of friendships they've cultivated during the year. Even if you've neglected an acquaintance for the past 12 months, you'll win their eternal gratitude and devotion if you remember their birthday – and send them a card.

When your own birthday comes round, relying on people's memories is a recipe for feeling forgotten and unloved. Instead, be sure to make an announcement well in advance of the event. Write something like 'Fran is very old today' on the class calendar. Or read out your *J17* horoscope, drawing attention to the fact that this month is 'your sign'. Now just put your tootsies up and watch all those cards roll in when your day arrives.

Power dressing

Popular girls often attract friends 'cause they've got an ultracool aura and hangerson live in hope that some of this will rub off on them. Even if you've got less dress-sense than Patsy Palmer or you turn bright red whenever you walk into a crowded room, you'll still have something else special that people will love to be in on.

You don't have to put any effort into becoming cool. Just focus on your particular skill or talent - whether it's solving crosswords. memorising lines from cool films, applying eveliner or making yummy cheese on toast. And try and make sure everyone else knows you're prepared to share your skills. Knowledge (of virtually anything) is power in the popularity stakes.

Instant popularity killers

- * Flirting with other girls' boyfriends.
- ★ Staring for more than ten seconds.
- * Hiding under your duvet.
- * Weeping inconsolably over your third crush this
- * Only ever listening to obscure folk bands.
- * Wearing stun-at-50-feet perfume.
- * Bitching about everyone.
- ★ Talking non-stop about your blackheads or your split-ends.
- * Being permanently attached to your Walkman.
- ★ Leaving your phone off the hook.
- * Spitting on people when you speak.
- * Not sharing your chips with anyone.
- * Bragging about how popular you are.



Star Letter Safe not son



Thanks for your article 'Crisis in the classroom' about safety in schools (15 May issue). Our school has been fitted with lots of security systems, like doors which automatically lock during lessons. But just last week, a drunken man with drugs in his pocket

still got in, and beat up a teacher! We've had incidents like this before too. I hope schools get tighter security and don't try to cover up the problem 'cause I think that would put all our lives at risk.

Liz, Lancashire

Study **duddy**

than snogging!' (May 8 issue)

turned on by a boy studying?

mates. Studying's important,

but going to a party once in

a while is OK!

Bon Jovi fan

If Rich wants to be

more Clark Kent

than Superman.

that's his bag -

remember,

Lois Lane

He's 16 and should be out

enjoying himself with his

and I'd like to say to Richard J,

"Sad bloke!" What girl would be

 No-one wants to feel scared at school, but nobody's keen on feeling like a rabbit caught in the high-security headlamps either. Luckily, the government are planning to donate way more dosh to protecting schools, so you've never been safer!

BAA-D JOKE

I've just finished reading 'Better I am an unhappy sheep. There were no sheep in the stickers you gave out to your readers the other week. Have you forgotten about the seriously sheepy Lamb Gallagher or **Sheep Seven or Damon** Albaaan? I want more piccies



of the sheep kind. A depressed and very lonely sheep somewhere up north! PS: Sheep rool!

 Ewe must be joking, trying to ram all those sheep jokes down our throats. Stop trying to pull the wool over our eyes! Hope this hip picture of new band Lamb will suffice.

Present and

Please can you help me! It's my friend's birthday soon and the problem is he's a boy. He's

going to be 16 and I need some advice on what to get him. Kerry, Aberdeen

Flowers might embarrass him, unless he's a nice girly boy (my fave type!). But a kiss

might do the trick (he's gonna be 16 after all). If not, a CD or T-shirt of his fave band is well safe, or a ticket for two to a Euro 96 footie game. Research skills are the key to present-giving without tears.

The best prez?

I was just writing to ask why on earth Just Seventeen is called Just Seventeen? Why do we bother learning history when we're never going to use it? And, most of all, why are we here?

Michelle 'full of questions Erskine', Warminster

 1. 'Cause we reckon Just Six or Just Seventy would attract the wrong kind of readers!

2. To learn from our 'orrible past boobs (not, ahem, the 32A variety!). 3. 'Cause there's nowhere else

better to go, and 'cause there are cute boy bands on Planet Earth.

Radioheaven

No-one understands me. You see, I'm madly, desperately in love with Thom Yorke from Radiohead. I think he's gorgeous, with great style

and beautiful lyrics. But every time I open a magazine, all the posters are of so-called 'hunky' guys, like Dean Cain and Jared Leto the stereotype of goodlooking. Who's there for all us girls with our own ideas of what is handsome and interesting?

Please, please could you print Thom's pic,

as I'm making a collage on my wall from the few photos

that are around of him. Laura. Radiohead's biggest fan, Scotland Laura, your

wish is my command. Let there be the Yorkie Band kid!

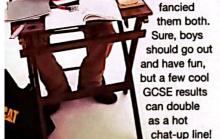


This week's hottest mailbag happenings were:

* letters about classroom security * musings on footie fellas (there's more than one Ryan Giggs!) * anger at bullying * more Kenickie please!

Get the MESSAGE!

Martin Bailey I love you. This isn't from Nicola ★ Mozo, congrats on the good news. Love Miss Moderate Rock PS Jake the snake is a firestarter! * Emma Forrest, where R U? Get in touch via 12 Greg St. Miss Ya, Natalie, Warrington ★ Fancy reaching out to a bud or a stud? Link up with a message (20 words or less) via 'Mail Bonding,' Just 17, PO Box 417, London WC2H 7TW.



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family. We went for long walks on the beach and talked about how we really felt. Finally, we were able to say 'I love you' to each other.

Then, three weeks ago, David and I were on a crowded train when he pulled me aside and said, 'Will you marry me?' I said yes right away!

We'll be getting engaged as soon as David gets back from Germany, where he'll be for six months on a carpentry job. I'll miss him, but at least I know things will work out this time. We've grown up and stopped playing games at last."

If you've a true-love tale to tell, send it with a photo to 'True Love', Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. Please include your phone number in case we need to check any facts. If you tale's printed, you'll win £25.

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Lucy, 14, called a phoneline to find new friends, but almost lost everything in the process...

he first time I rang a chatline was when my mum was working late and my best friend Emma had come round to stay the night. It was about 1am and we were sitting in bed, watching some rubbish on the TV, bored stiff. Then an ad came on for chatlines and it sounded really fun and easy to do. Emma and I always seem to know exactly what the other's thinking and straightaway we both looked at the phone in my room and started giggling together.

I grabbed a pen and took the number down, but we were so nervous about speaking we couldn't stop laughing. Eventually, Emma dialled the number and passed the phone to me. A recorded message explained what to do.

We did a joint message using false names and making stuff up so we sounded more sophisticated and exciting. I'm 14 and still at school, but I said I was 19 and an art student.

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Bon Jovi fan

Close scrape

We were still on the phone about an hour later when we heard Mum come home. We guickly hung up and pretended to be asleep.

The next day Emma went on about what a laugh it had been. We knew it had probably cost a few quid, but we justified it by saying it was only like going out for the night.

A couple of nights later I was stuck babysitting my ten-year-old brother and six-year old sister. I was a bit down because I was getting hassled by some girls from school, so I thought I'd ring the chatline to cheer myself up. After all, I wasn't getting paid for baby-sitting.

I didn't realise at the time, but I was already hooked. It gave me a real buzz and I suppose I was flattered that there were loads of really nice lads out there showing an interest in me.

Phoney fun

Within a couple of weeks, I was totally addicted. I was always waiting for Mum to go out so I

because once I rang twice in one day and I could hear

the same people still leaving messages about seven hours later.

Mum didn't have a clue, although she nearly caught me when she picked up the phone while I was listening to one of the messages. She came upstairs and asked who I was ringing, but I just said it was Emma. I looked a bit guilty and thought she suspected something, but she didn't mention it again and I carried on.

Rumbled

After a while I became really scared. The phone bill was due and I was worried about how much it would be. I knew Mum would kill me when she saw it. She was hardly using the phone to

save money - we're on income support and cash is tight.

Emma had been ringing the line as well, but nothing like as much as me because she didn't have a phone in her room and her mum didn't go out very often. I told Emma how worried I was and she said I'd better stop before it got out of hand.

I tried for a while but I couldn't get the chatline out of my head. I just couldn't help myself.

Omigod!

Finally the bill came, but Mum put it on the mantelpiece, unopened. I think she was putting it off hoping it wouldn't be too bad. After three days I couldn't stand it any longer - the guilt and suspense were eating away at me.



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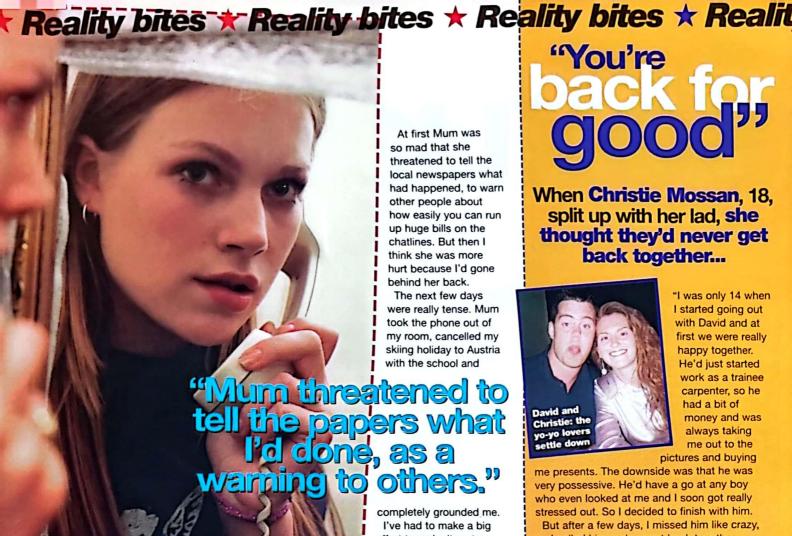
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Lois Lane fancied them both. Sure, boys should go out and have fun, but a few cool **GCSE** results can double

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as a hot

chat-up line!



I couldn't believe it

when I opened the envelope. The figure £417.83 jumped out at me. I nearly fainted. Because we get an itemised bill I scanned the pages - the chatline number was repeated over and over for three pages. I'd worked it out that the calls would probably be about £150, but they came to £350. Tears ran down my face and I started panicking. I didn't know what to do so I rang Emma. She guessed right away what was wrong and came round.

Payback time

We said we'd just have to face the music and offer to pay back the debt ourselves. But both our mums are divorced and struggling financially and we knew they'd go ape. I felt sick as I put the bill back on the mantelpiece. That night I stayed at Emma's but we hardly slept a wink.

At about 8am we heard someone knocking on the back door. We guessed it was my mum and crept onto the landing in our pyjamas. She sounded furious and I heard her tell Emma's mum to check her bill.

A couple of seconds later, Emma's mum shouted up: "You two had better get down here now." When we got in the kitchen the two bills were shoved in our faces - Emma's calls cost about £100 - and we got a mega lecture on how stupid we'd been. We were both really apologetic and I promised to pay the bill out of earnings from my Saturday job.

At first Mum was so mad that she threatened to tell the local newspapers what had happened, to warn other people about how easily you can run up huge bills on the chatlines. But then I think she was more hurt because I'd gone behind her back.

The next few days were really tense. Mum took the phone out of my room, cancelled my skiing holiday to Austria with the school and

completely grounded me. I've had to make a big effort to make it up to Mum and I'm still paying back the money. Most of my wages from waitressing

at weekends go to Mum. I'm trying to get another job as a chambermaid so I can work Sundays and do about four or five shifts in the holidays. So far I've paid back about half the money. It'll take me at least another two months before I've repaid it all.

There's no way I'd go near a chatline now. My advice to anyone thinking of ringing them would be: 'Don't even consider it.' You think they're just a bit of a laugh, something to do when you're bored, but the novelty doesn't wear off - it just gets you hooked."

- Chatlines may seem like a laugh, but as Lucy found out, they're a waste of time and cash and you can come to depend on them.
- If you find yourself phoning chatlines, ask yourself why you're doing it. If it's 'cause you're lonely or you want to meet new friends, remember that the people on the other end of the line aren't real friends, they're nameless, faceless voices. If it's true companionship you're after, why not look closer to home? Find an activity that interests you, then get going. The more you do, the less time you'll have to waste on chatlines.
- Always ask the permission of the person who pays the bill before you use the phone or you could land yourself in loads of trouble.

"You're

When Christie Mossan, 18, split up with her lad, she thought they'd never get back together...



"I was only 14 when I started going out with David and at first we were really happy together. He'd just started work as a trainee carpenter, so he had a bit of money and was always taking me out to the pictures and buying

me presents. The downside was that he was very possessive. He'd have a go at any boy who even looked at me and I soon got really stressed out. So I decided to finish with him.

But after a few days, I missed him like crazy, so I called him and we got back together. David calmed down a lot, but then we started arguing about stupid things and got into a pattern of breaking up, then making up.

Goodbye, girl

Then, about 18 months ago, David told me he'd had enough of our rows and finished with me. We were both crying our eyes out because this time, we knew it was over for good.

But as the weeks passed, I became more distraught and after a four-month break, I phoned him. Although we were both very wary, we decided to start seeing each other again.

Could it be magic?

We finally let the barriers down last summer when David came on holiday to Spain with my family. We went for long walks on the beach and talked about how we really felt. Finally, we were able to say 'I love you' to each other.

Then, three weeks ago, David and I were on a crowded train when he pulled me aside and said, 'Will you marry me?' I said yes right away!

We'll be getting engaged as soon as David gets back from Germany, where he'll be for six months on a carpentry job. I'll miss him, but at least I know things will work out this time. We've grown up and stopped playing games at last."

If you've a true-love tale to tell, send it with a photo to 'True Love', Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. Please include your phone number in case we need to check any facts. If you tale's printed, you'll win £25.

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Sexually assaulted at school 35

Being attacked was bad enough, but Louise Glover (right), 13, had to face her tormentor every day at school...

'd only been at secondary school for a year when my family had to move house. So in June '95, I started at Selsdon High in Croydon, South London. Luckily, I already knew a few girls there so I settled in quickly and made lots of friends, including Jessica, a girl I'd known before. We became good mates and made plans for the summer holidays.

Selsdon High is a mixed school and we normally had separate PE classes, but it was the last week of term and we had to share the gym with some boys from our year. It was good fun, until I started to feel ill and asked to go outside for fresh air. As I left the hall, I was aware I was being followed, but I didn't think anything of it. Then, when I found the exit door locked, a boy called out, 'What are you going to do now? How are you going to get out?'

No way out

I'd never spoken to him before, but I knew his name was Craig and he was in our year. He also had a reputation for hassling girls. As he began to walk towards me, I wondered what he was up to. He had a strange look on his face, which made me feel uncomfortable, and I started to panic as he came closer. He was backing me into a corner and I had no way of getting past him.

He wasn't much bigger than me, but he was a lot stronger. As he pinned me up against the wall, I knew I was fighting a losing battle. I could feel his hot breath on my face and he grabbed my breasts, before trying to touch my private parts and burn. I struggled and told him to stop, but he just kept smiling.

I thought it would never end, but then I saw Jessica in the corridor and I shouted, 'Get a teacher!' As she ran off, I prayed it would only be a couple of seconds before my nightmare was over. But nobody came to help me.

The assault lasted just a few minutes, but it felt like a lifetime. When he eventually stopped, I pushed him away and ran back into the hall. I was too shocked to cry and I didn't even report it – I was too frightened.

At home that night I went straight to my room. I didn't want to see anyone. When my mum asked if I was all right, I said, 'Yeah, I'm fine,' but I desperately wanted to tell her what had happened. I couldn't, though, as I knew she'd tell Dad and then all hell would break loose.

Facing the enemy

I don't know how I did it, but I went into school the next day and tried to pretend everything was OK. But it wasn't and I needed to find out why Jessica hadn't helped me when I needed

"The assault lasted minutes, but it felt like a lifetime. I was too shocked to cry."

her. So I asked her what the teacher had said when she told him. 'Nothing,' she replied. 'I didn't tell him.' I couldn't believe it. How could she have done that to me?

Then she admitted she'd been too scared to do anything. Before I could say anything else, she said softly, 'He did the same to me.' At first I thought she was lying, but I could tell by the look on her face that she wasn't. She explained that he'd assaulted her a few weeks before, but she hadn't done anything 'cause he'd said he had an older

brother in school who'd make her life hell if she told. So she decided to keep quiet.

Mad as hell

The more I thought about it, the more I wondered how many other girls Craig had assaulted and what he'd do in the future. I decided then and there that I wouldn't let him get away with it.

Unfortunately, Jessica wasn't prepared to tell anyone, so it was down to me. I told my mum and dad that evening and, as I expected, they went mad. They called my headmaster and the police, who came round immediately. I was

surprised at the seriousness of the situation, but pleased something was being done. I wanted to stop Craig doing the same thing again.

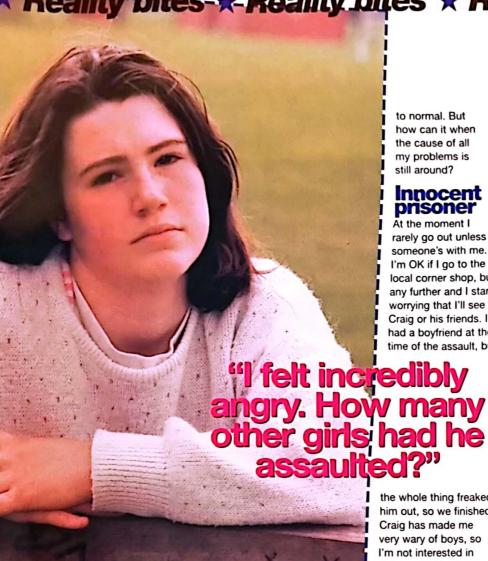
The next day, Craig was called into the head's office and he admitted what he'd done. He was expelled on the spot. I was so relieved 'cause I thought it was all over. But it wasn't that simple. A year on, Craig is still making my life a misery.

Nightmare goes on

You see, Craig's parents won an appeal for him to return to the school and he came back after the Easter holidays. I had no idea he'd be back until the day I saw him at school. He smiled and said smugly, "Well, look who it is.' All his mates started laughing, but I ignored them and carried on walking. I couldn't bear to look at him.



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to normal. But how can it when the cause of all my problems is still around?

Innocent prisoner

At the moment I rarely go out unless someone's with me. I'm OK if I go to the local corner shop, but any further and I start worrying that I'll see Craig or his friends. I had a boyfriend at the time of the assault, but

the whole thing freaked

him out, so we finished. Craig has made me very wary of boys, so I'm not interested in going out with anyone at the moment.

All I really want is for

Craig to be expelled. My parents and I have approached the police and we're hoping he'll be arrested for sexual assault and be expelled permanently. If only he could have counselling, so he'd get the help he needs to change his behaviour. But until then, I'm staying at home. It's so unfair - I've been pushed out of school when he was in the wrong."

Fighting spirit

Mum and Dad went

berserk when I told them Craig was back

there was nothing he could do. He wanted

Craig out, but the local education authority

had sided with Craig's family and ruled he could return to school. To make matters

worse, it later came out that Craig had been

assault, but Mr Newton hadn't been informed.

expelled from another school for a similar

and spoke to the head, Mr Newton, who said

I was determined not to let Craig get the better of me, so the next day Mum dropped me off at the school gates. As soon as I got inside I heard boys' laughter. 'Louise, come over here for a minute,' one voice said, and I knew it was Craig. I walked even faster and, as I turned round, I saw Mum get out of the car. She'd seen what was going on, but when Craig saw her he just started laughing.

By 11 o'clock that morning I was back at home and plans were being made for me to have a home tutor. My parents had decided that as long as Craig was in school, I was to stay at home, which I've been doing for the past month now. But I miss my friends, and one-to-one lessons for two hours every day aren't much fun. I also have to visit a counsellor once a week to talk about what happened. I just want my life to get back

The saga continues...

- It's important to note that Craig was allowed back to school against the head's wishes. The education authority sided with Craig's family.
- After the attack on Louise, two other girls came forward to report assaults by Craig.
- Louise has exhausted her options at school and her family has put the matter into police hands. Louise hopes Craig will be permanently expelled so she can go back to school.
- If you or someone you know is in a similar situation, do speak out. Keeping silent means the attacker will get away with the crime and may go on to commit further assaults.

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"Mv Bell hell"

Everybody needs good neighbours, but for Claire White, 18, looking like Lucy Robinson has been hell...



"The first time somebody said I looked like Lucy Robinson from Neighbours I just laughed. I'd started secretarial school in my home town of Bristol, It was three years ago and Melissa Bell had just started in the soap as

the character Lucy. It started as a bit of fun but then it began to take over my life.

At secretarial school I was never known as Claire - everyone always called me Lucy. I'd go into class and my friends would ask what I did the night before. I'd say, 'Oh, nothing much'. Then they'd laugh, say, 'Yes you did' and tell me everything Lucy had done in Neighbours the night before. I'd get really embarrassed and tell them to shut up, but they took no notice.

Ramsay Street ringer

One day, a car full of people I'd never seen before pulled up in front of me at the bus stop. I thought they wanted directions, but they wound down the car window and said, 'You look just like Lucy from Neighbours.' It was horrible - I didn't know what to say,

and went bright red. I've even been in nightclubs where it's too dark to see properly and complete strangers have come up to

me and said I look like Lucy. I used to have a ponytail to try and look different, but it didn't stop the comments. Even when Melissa Bell had her hair cut short over a year ago it didn't stop them.



Beyond a joke

Now it's gone beyond a joke. I wish people would realise I'm not Lucy - I get so fed up with being compared to her all the time. The only person who doesn't tease me about it is my boyfriend, Stephen. He knows I hate it so he never mentions it. Thank God Melissa Bell has left the soap now and isn't on TV all the time.

Still, I must admit there are worse people to look like and she is a pretty successful actress. And perhaps one day I'll become so famous, people will say she looks like me!"

When Ali, 16, discovered her best mate was having an affair with the English teacher, she had to spill the beans...

elen and I have known each other for two years, but it feels as though we've been friends forever. In fact, even before I knew Helen, I knew of her. She had a bit of a reputation as the girl who fancied one teacher after another. By the time we became pals, she'd had crushes on the PE, history, RE and science teachers. It was all very innocent, really - until Mr Barnes, the new English teacher, came on the scene.

As soon as I laid eyes on him, I could tell he was bad news - so full of innuendo that no-one wanted to be left alone in a room with him. He was totally sexist, sly, and at times downright perverted.

Smooth operator

One day he walked into the class and said with a slimy smile, 'Today we'll be discussing Romeo And Juliet - Shakespeare's sexiest tragedy.' Another time he changed a lesson about DH Lawrence and feminism into whether girls should shave their armpits. We all knew this wasn't a 'normal' lesson and people started to complain about him. We all had to write official reports to tell the head teacher about the incidents, and Mr Barnes was cautioned.

Despite all this, it wasn't long before Helen started to develop a huge crush on him. I told her about his sleazy behaviour - as well as the fact that I'd heard a rumour about him having affairs at his old school with two sixth-formers - but she didn't seem to care. She thought he was fit, and decided to 'get to know him better'. So she started by going to see him about work, even though he wasn't her teacher. Then one day he asked her to tidy his stockroom during her study periods and after school.

In too deep

It wasn't long before I began to suspect that something was up. Mr Barnes wasn't his normally flirty self towards Helen. If anything, he practically ignored her, especially when other people were around. Then Helen told me that she and Mr Barnes were having an affair.

I didn't want to believe it. I felt sick, and prayed she was making the whole thing up. But judging by Mr Barnes' slimeball behaviour, I knew it was true. She made me promise not to tell anybody and I agreed, but only to protect her.

The secret's out

Then one day, Helen told me that although they hadn't slept together yet, they were planning to do it at the weekend. This threw me into an emotional turmoil. On one hand it was none of my business, but on the other she was my best friend and I was convinced that Mr Barnes was just using her. I felt like my head was going to explode, so I decided to tell my mum.

She was as upset as I was and suggested that we went to talk to the head teacher. At first the

head gave me a hard time for not speaking up sooner, but then there was immediate action -Mr Barnes was forced to leave the school, even though he denied the whole thing.

That was three months ago, and things are basically back to normal. Helen got over it pretty quickly and moved onto fancying her music teacher. I know she must have an idea it was me who grassed on her, but she's never mentioned it. I feel so guilty when I think about abusing her trust, but I'm sure it was for the best."

Advice

- An affair with a teacher is always a mistake. It may seem romantic, but student-teacher liaisons always end in heartache and disaster.
- Although Ali feels guilty for betraying Helen's trust, she only told her mum to protect her friend from a potentially damaging situation.
- If you find yourself in a similar situation and don't know where to turn, try talking to someone you trust - a friend, parent or other older relative. Or, for professional advice and help, you can always call ChildLine in confidence on 0800 1111.

If you have a guilty secret and need advice, send it to 'Guilty Secret', Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. If it's printed, we'll pay you £50. Please include your phone number in case we need to check any facts.

Rhyl thing

Dear Carl

We can't live without each other. Every other relationship I have collapses because I constantly compare the boy to you you're a hard act to follow.

We've had so many good

times - like our trip to Rhyl when we acted like big kids on a children's slide and you buried me in the sand. Carl, you've grown up, but now I have too. I love you and I'm ready to start again. Lots of love, Leanne, Birmingham

Moio risin'

Dear Mojo

I want you to know that I still

care for you and I would be really happy if you'd go back out with me. I love you loads, Mojo! Kate, Bucks

She's electric

Dear Christine

I fell in love with you at first sight. I was fixing a cooker at your friend's house and I asked you out. Even though you said yes, I was so shy and lost for words that I just carried on

mending the cooker.

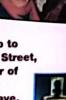
Eighteen months later, I just want you to know that you're still electric and I wouldn't give you up for anything.

Love you loads, your Matt, Surrey

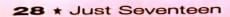
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Liz, 17 (right)
"A boy took me to
Madam Tussaud's
when I was 13.
The Chamber of
Horrors
completely
spooked me out.
But hey, it was
cramped, hot and
dark - perfect for
a snog!"



Nicky, 17
"The first time I saw Jamie Redknapp on Match of the Day. Bit of a one-sided date but definitely the biggest thrill of my life!"

Hamah, 18
"I was snogging
my boyfriend
in the living
room and my
mum,
aunty and
gran came
in. They
hadn't met him
and were so
shocked, they
still don't
mention it!"



Thing. 17
"By girll and told me to meet her at the station then whisked me off for a weekend in Bognor. It wasn't Paris, but we had a fantastic time. And a year on, we're still together."

Dating's got more ups and downs than a rollercoaster. Groovers at a London funfair confess their most tummy-chuming lurve moments...

Frankie, Its
"I once went
out with a
girl who
expected me
to pay for
everything—
her bus fare, her
cinema tickets,
her kebab, the
lot. I didn't make
a big deal out
of it because
I fancied her,
but she finished
with me anyway
after a month,
leaving me
totally skint!"



"I was round at my girlfriend's on Boxing Day, and we had a big snogging sesh in the kitchen while her family and the neighbours played Trivial Pursuit in the next room. It was the chance of getting caught that made it extra special!"







Russiah, 17
"My best mate Stuart was given a car. First time he took me out, I persuaded this girl I fancied to join me on the back seat! I made sure Stuart took a long route home, but after half an hour I still hadn't got off with her and Stuart was running out of petrol!"



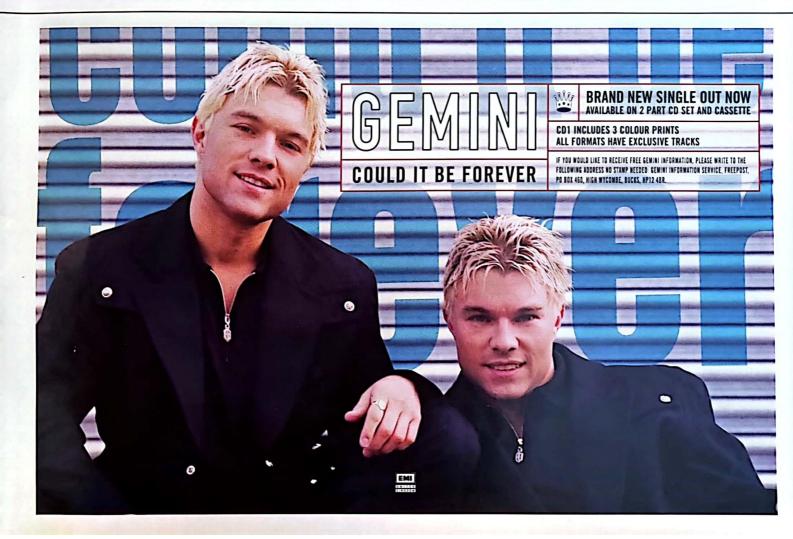
"My biggest thrill was my boyfriend's band's first ever gig. I was in the audience and he was getting loads of attention. After they came off stage we snogged like never before!"

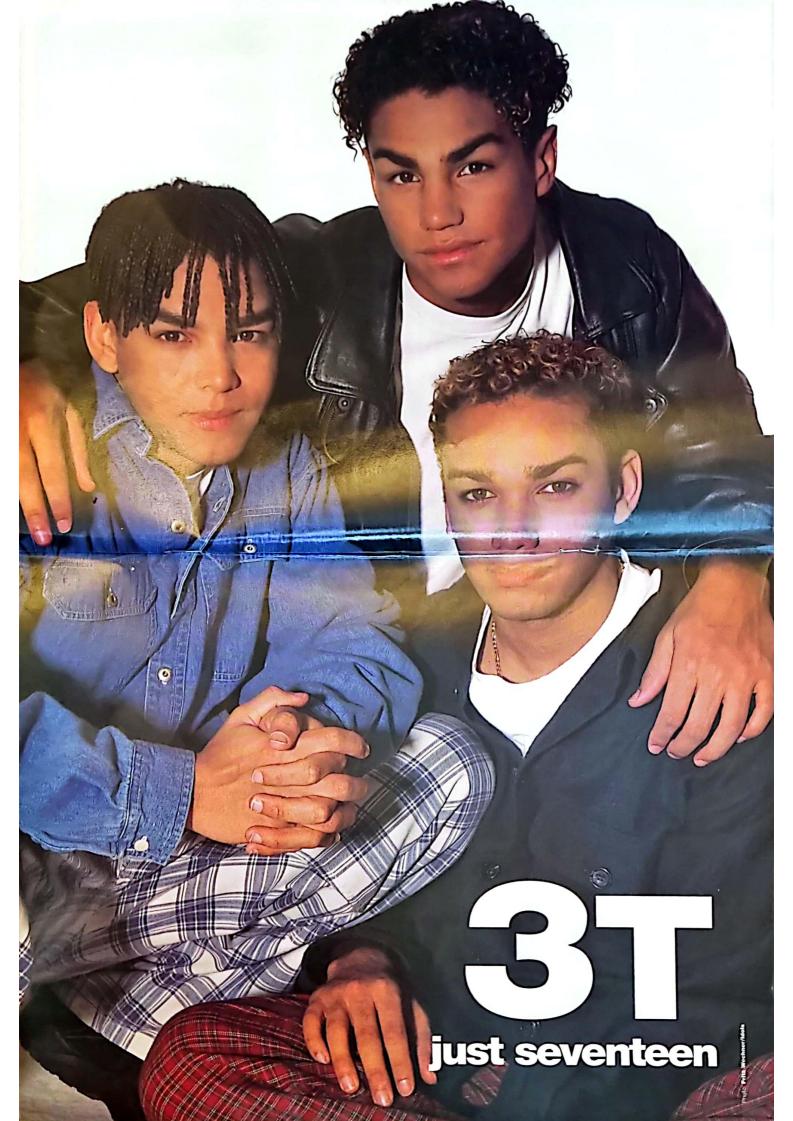


"My girlfriend once turned up for a date with **cropped, bleached hair.** She had shoulder-length mousy hair before so it was quite a shock. I couldn't stop staring at her and touching it!"



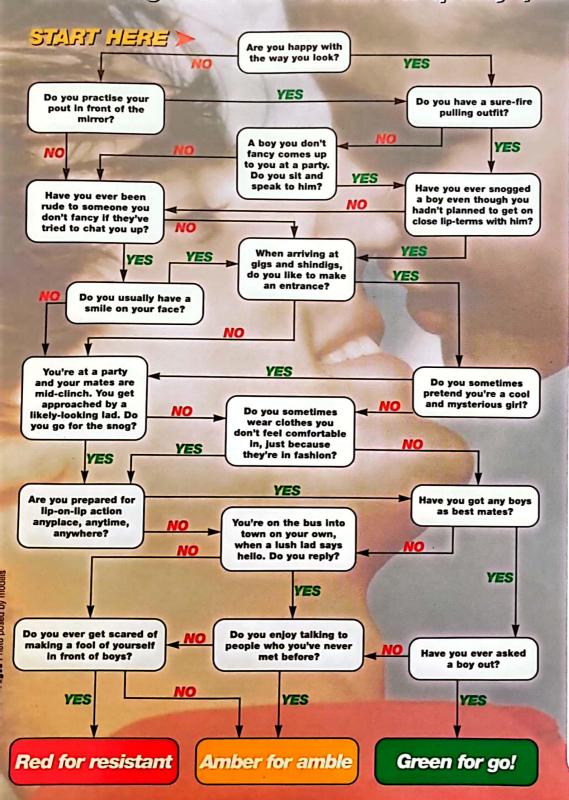
"I met a gorgeous guy on holiday last year. On our last night together, We went for a walk on the beach as the sun went down. I had the most romantic moment of my life!"







Do you blees a trail in the fast lane to enous, or d'you get stuck on the starting line? Find out with our speedy guit. Ready, steady, go



CONCLUSIONS

Red for resistant

You're so anxious about copping off that you're-likely to send lads fleeing. You feel intimidated at snog-friendly events like parties, but get frustrated when you end the evening on your ownsome. You get jealous if your mates snog blokes, and occasionally end up in saucy situations you're not really into. You are your own worst enemy, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Lip tip: Chill, girl, chill. Stop obsessing over getting in a lip-lock. If that lad's smiling at you, smile right back. Relax and reap the snog rewards,

Amber for amble

You like to be mates with boys, but when it comes to snog-up situations, you're less forthcoming. It's not that you don't want to indulge in lip action, but you find it difficult to make the leaf from sharing hobbies to sharing tongues! You're a little aloof, which car be off-putting for lads. Make yourself a bit more available, and watch those snog suitors roll up in their droves!

Lip tip: If you really like a boy and want to get in a lip-lock, why not take the lead and push things beyond the chat. Be your own snog ambassador!

Green for go!You're confident with the way you are,

You're confident with the way you are, and that makes you desirable. Lads aren't intimidated by your chatter – they're chuffed to meet someone so relaxed. You have boys as buds, so should passion strike, you're well-placed to act upon your urges. Rejoice 'cause the vibes you emit mean you're a snog explosion waiting to happen!

Lip tip: Don't get too hooked on being the belle of the ball. Remember your girl mates need attention too and, besides, one day you might need a shoulder to cry on!



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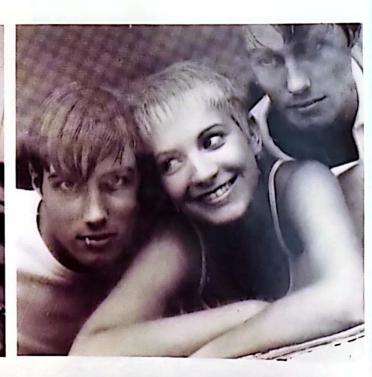
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What you should know

Truly monumental shoes and the tiniest dresses for smallin' it...

Model Q+A

Super-cool model, Verena, who appears in our 'Love Games' fashion pages this issue, is from Models One agency in London. We asked her to reveal the details of her jetset lifestyle...

Name Verena Pohlmann.

Age 20.

Height 5ft 8.

Starsign Aries.

Love life "Young, free and single." How did you get into modelling?

"A photographer introduced me to a booker from a modelling agency." Favourite aspect of the job

"Travelling a lot, really good money and I can take a holiday whenever

I want... what more can you ask for Best modelling job "An amazing trip somewhere exotic for Vogue hasn't happened yet, but I'm hoping Advice you'd give a wannabe model? "Don't take the job too seriously and don't give up." Supermodels - good or bad thing? "A bad thing. After all, they'r just ordinary people like you and me. How do you wind down? "Having a chat with best friends, or reading. Where would you like to be in ten years? "With my own family bu modelling once or twice a week." Favourite place to shop "New York

Your motto for life "To live life as

adventurously as I can and have

the widest possible experiences."

Six teeny dresses

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Get girly and step out in your

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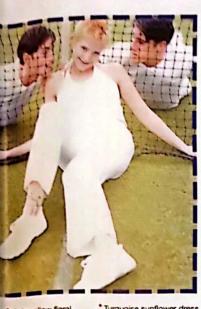
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or fab and funky gear, check out **Romans**, the new Italian fashion shop in the Plaza, Oxford Street, London W1. If you fancy being a *bella donna*, try this fabulous ribbed stretch dress £36.99 (tel: 0171-631 0956 for enquiries).

The world at your feet

patrick Cox has brought out these fab jelly shoes with Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower or Statue of Liberty miniatures in the heel! They cost £25 and are available from his shop at 8 Symons Street, London SW3 (tel: 0171-730 6504 for enquiries).





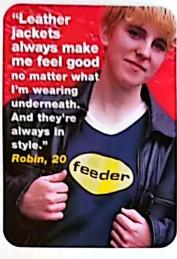


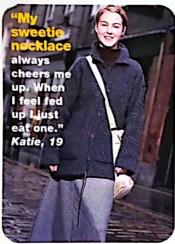


Moneypenny to give away. If you fancy

getting fruity call 0891 408833 for a chance to win. See page 59 for rules.















Fashion Spy skips down the street and enquires...

What Single Sing



dappy shopper: Lara W Photos: John Behet



SUMMER SEX KITTENS LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EATEN MARSHMALLOW PINK.

EYES RIGHT

Pink eye make-up is a brilliant way to emphasise your eyes without looking heavily made up:

- ★ Start by brushing a single shade of pink all over your upper evelid and up to a couple of centimetres below your eyebrow. Choose a sparkling candy pink for fair skins, or a dusky shade to flatter darker skins.
- * Brush a pale highlighter shade just below your eyebrows
- ★ Pink next to the eye gives an up-all-night effect, so line your lashes with a charcoal grey pencil and finish with black mascara.

Pick of the best: sugar-pink 17 Eye Dazzle 'Sugar Frost' £2.75, dusky Outdoor Girl Colour Velvet Matte Eyeshadow 'Cherry Blossom' £1.89, palest pinky white Bourjois Pearl Eye Shadow 'Rose Ivoire' £3.95, Bourjois Eyeshadow Pencil 'Gris Fume' £2.95.

PINCH YOUR CHEEKS

How to flush your complexion with a rosy glow:

- ★ First, pick the right shade for your colouring. Baby pink blush suits fair and light olive skins, but can look chalky on darker skins, which are better suited to plum shades.
- ★ Dip a large brush into your blusher, smile, and dust onto cheeks from the fattest part out towards the temple.

Pick of the best: candy coloured Collection 2000 Single Powder Blusher 'No 7' £1.19, Colourings Powder Blusher 'Russet' £3.35.

SMILE PLEASE

For kissable lips, get in the pink:

- ★ A perfect pink suits nearly everyone. Look for a rich pink that's not too fuchsia or too brown.
- ★ For this season's jammy-looking lips, slick gloss on top of lipstick.
 Pick of the best: Almay Colour Protective Lipstick 'Sandy Rose'
 £4.95, Agnes B Ultra-Gloss £5.50.

NEW NAILS

For truly terrific talons:

- * Bring pink make-up bang up to date with a shock of lilac nail varni
- ★ For a shiny finish that protects your nail colour from chipping, use top coat. Wait for the colour to dry slightly and apply one thin coat, taking the brush over the tips of your nails to 'lock in' colour.

Pick of the best: Bourjois Nail Polish 'Reflet Violine' £3.25

A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS

Pictured in the pink: Mary Quant Eye Opener 'P-18' £6.50 * Max Factor Natural Balance Blusher Pearls Sunset Rose' £7.99 * 17 Perfect Lip Liner 'Rose Petal' £1.45 * Boots Natural Collection Lip Balm Pencil Black Cherry' £1.55 * Mary Quant Nail Polish 'P-17' £8 * Pink heart-shaped sponge from a selection by Ramer from major department stores * No 7 Extra Gentle Skin Freshener £4.15 * Pro-Vitamin Hair Treatment Megashine Capsules £5.49 * Pro-Vitamin B5 Megashine Conditioner £4.99

HOT PINK Pink candyfloss The Pink Panther

The Pink Panther Pink eyeshadow for nights out

NOT PINK

Candyfloss sticking to your face Tiger-stripes of pink blusher Pink eyes from late nights

by Jessie

What you should know

Get excited about exercise, the latest cativalk hair trend and beauty tips for feet...



If your feet look a tad the worse for wear after a winter spent squashed into boots, make sure you look truly babelicious in your flip-flops this summer with our tenminute perfect pedicure:

First, soak your feet in warm water to soften the skin. For sweet-smelling tootsies, add a few drops of essential oil - try refreshing peppermint or relaxing geranium, £4.85 and £6.75 from Neal's Yard Remedies.

Next, get rid of any stubborn 2 hard skin from around the heel and edge of the sole of the foot. If an ordinary pumice stone doesn't do the job, try The Body Shop fiercelooking Terracotta Pumice £2.50.

For a polished finish, massage 3 a good body scrub into your feet. We love Mavala Smoothing Scrub Cream £7.60. Rinse off and pat dry.

Moisturise feet all over with the all-time classic Body Shop Peppermint Foot Lotion from £1.15.

Trim toenails - not too short or you risk ouchsome ingrowing nails. Cut straight across with scissors or clippers and file with an emery board to get rid of tights-snagging sharp edges.

For the finishing touch, paint your nails – this summer's perfect shimmery pale blue is Bourjois Nail Polish 'Reflet Bleute' £3.25, out this week.

Our favourite's avourite

She's not as ditsy as she looks! Famous blonde Goldie Hawn knows a good beauty product when she sees one: while having her hair done in London, Goldie was so impressed by Results Hair Makeover Styling Spray £3.29 that she took five bottles back to America with her.



Ear ear

My problem is that I have really big ears. My hair is straight and shoulder length is there a style that would disguise my ears? Hannah (16), Perth

The trick to disguising big ears is to give your hair more height and volume - basically, 'big hair' makes ears look small by comparison. Try backcombing: after pinning up the top section of your hair, gently brush the rest of it towards the root to create volume. Then let down the top section and comb over the teased hair for a smooth finish.

Wave goodbye

I have wavy hair, which I love, but sometimes I like straightening it. The thing is, my hair is really dry - how can I straighten it without damaging it even more? Rochelle (15), London

The kindest way to temporarily straighten wavy hair is to blowdry it straight - straightening irons should be avoided if your hair is already dry. Start by washing your hair, then work through some leave-in conditioner to soften and protect your locks. Blow-dry hair straight by aiming hot air at a brush as you brush the hair straight. Remember, hair will only go straight while it's wet, so if sections start to dry wavy before you've finished, dampen them with a plant-spray filled with water.

Got a beauty dilemma to test us with? Send it to Jessie, c/o 'Beauty What You Should Know', Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED.

Be a sport ed up with yawnsome aerobics classes? If you want to have fun and get fit at the same time, check out Puma XTG, the latest fitness craze about to hit sports centres all over the country. It's a fast-moving aerobics session that uses moves and techniques from basketball, football, volleyball and tennis to inject new life into aerobics. Fitness guru Karen Voigt, who devised and co-starred in Elle Macpherson's workout video, is a fan. She says using sport moves makes classes more fun and develops muscular strength and coordination as well as burning fat. Look out for

details in your local sports

centre - and no excuses, now...

n end is in sight to the problems of endlessly teasing your locks into a trendy side parting - the hottest style in New York now is the good old centre parting. It started at Calvin Klein's latest show, when

Chanel model Shalom and



supermodel Kirsty Hume sashayed down the runway looking ultra-



sophisticated with deadcentre partings.

Scottish

Since nobody we know has hair that parts on the side without a ton of hairspray, it's a warm welcome back to the middle way.

Everything must go! We've got £5,000 worth of brilliant beauty freebies just for you!

up for grabs ACTIVI Fingertip Pampering pressies

reebies

You're not dressed without nail polish right now - and nail polishes don't get cooler than the new Reflet de Nacre

> Bourjois in baby blue 'Reflet Bleute and violet 'Reflet Violine'. We've got 80 sets of both to give away, so send your entry to J17/Bourjois offer, 15-19

> > Place, London

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Scentsational

Yummy men's fragrance Hugo are offering generous girlfriends a handsome reward this month - with every purchase of a Hugo 100ml Eau de Toilette, you'll receive a brilliant Scuba Backpack in tough rubberised black fabric. To celebrate, we've got five sets of Hugo Eau de Toilette and a Scuba Backpack to give away Entries to J17/Hugo offer, Giorgio Beverley Hills, The Heights, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0XP.

Energ

Haliborange Active

Glucose Plus Multivitamins give you all the energy you need to keep going all summer long. To win, write to J17/Active offer, Northern Mailing, PO Box 79. Hull HU1 2FF

If you fancy treating yourself this summer, you can't beat this fab Piz Buin Jet Bronzer Pamper Pack for sheer luxury.

We've got eight to give away, each containing Piz Buin Jet Bronzer lotion and cream for the body and face, perfect for a safe, smooth golden glow.

There's also a new Gillette SensorExcel

razor, and a slinky satin kimono and matching pyjamas to make sure

you chill out in style. To win one of the Pamper Packs, send your entries to J17/Piz Buin offer, PO Box 1793, Maida Vale, London W9 3XP.



Prepare for summer snogs with this Get Fresh Pack. You'll get an Oral-B flex-handled Squeezy toothbrush, Tooth and Gum Alcohol Free Dental Rinse and Mint Ultra Floss. and a Natrel Plus antiperspirant. Send your entry to J17/Natrel Plus/Oral-B offer, PO Box 2860, 1A Mildmay Avenue, London N1 4RS.



Beach bargains

Head & Shoulders' Summer Lovin' Kit contains everything you need to look fab: a bottle of Head & Shoulders frequent wash. shampoo, plus a hair brush, a citrus coloured hair band and a slushy novel perfect for lazy days. Send entries to J17/Head and Shoulders offer, PO Box 1793, Maida Vale, London W9 3XP.



Complexion range has double spot-fighting power for oily skin - it not only covers blemishes, but treats them as well. We've got 50 Clear Complexion sets, each containing new Shine Control Foundation 'Nude Beige', new Anti-Shine Powder in Natural Almond, Cover & Care Concealer 'Beige', Shine Control Lotion and Active Cleansing Wash. To win one write to J17/Rimmel offer, Quick Print, PO Box 576, London SE25 4HW.



Style savers

Glam it up at summer parties with Shockwaves Protect & Style, a fab two-in-one styling product that protects your hair from heat damage during styling and gives maximum control and shine to your do. We've got 200 to give away, so send your entries to J17/Shockwaves offer, PO Box 1051, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1TS.

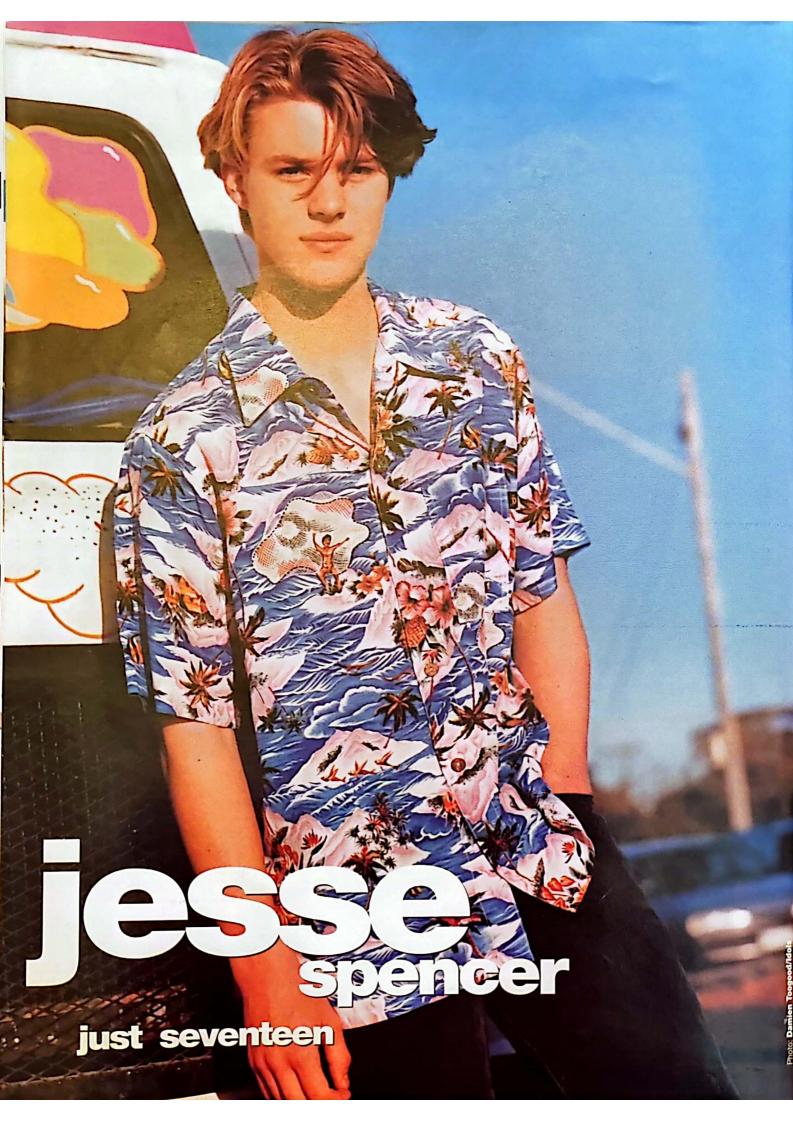
How to enter send your name and address on a postcard to arrive no later than 19 July, when winners will be picked at random. You can enter as many competitions as you like.

Bless you!

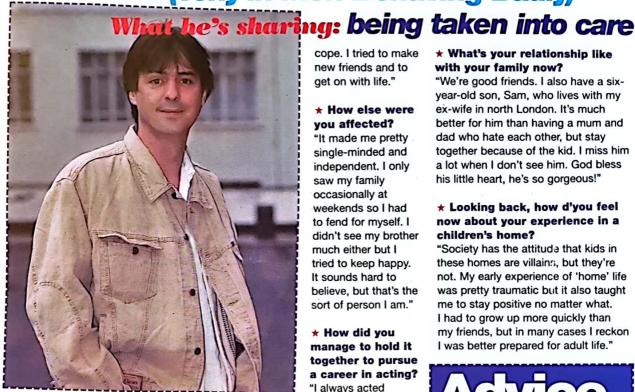
Help is at hand for hayfever sufferers - we've got 25 Kleenex Hayfever Survival kits up for grabs. Each contains tortoiseshell sunglasses, Olbas oil



for blocked noses, an Optrex eye mask, Halls Menthollyptus lozenges, Kleenex Ultra tissues, a £10 currency voucher for any holiday booked with AT Mays travel agent and £15 cashback voucher on the pollenzapping Electrolux Airclean. Phew! Entries to J17/Kleenex Hayfever Offer, PO Box 99, Burnley, Lancs, BB11 1DF.



Name: Neil Morrisse (Tony in Men Behaving Badly)



* When were you taken into care? "I was 10 years old when my brother and I were taken away from our parents. The whole incident was pretty confusing and even now I'm not sure exactly why."

★ So what happened?

"My brother and I were involved in a little petty theft, but never anything major. It was our family the neighbours objected to. They thought we were a bad lot and signed petitions to get us thrown out of the area. Eventually the complaints added up and the authorities took us both into care."

★ How did you feel?

"I wasn't happy, but I tried to adapt as best I could. I didn't torture myself or get bitter, I'm not like that. I knew I had to

cope. I tried to make new friends and to get on with life."

* How else were you affected?

"It made me pretty single-minded and independent. I only saw my family occasionally at weekends so I had to fend for myself. I didn't see my brother much either but I tried to keep happy. It sounds hard to believe, but that's the sort of person I am."

* How did you manage to hold it together to pursue a career in acting?

"I always acted

up in class. Then we got a new English teacher. She was steel! She pushed me up against a wall and poked me in the chest and said, You're in the school play. Here are your lines - now learn 'em!"

★ How did you react to that?

"I did the play and it was brilliant! I got the same buzz I got from stealing - I loved it. The audience laughed, and even teachers who hated me came up and said 'Well done!' I was hooked."

★ D'you think you're like the mischievous types you play?

"I never beat up any old ladies or anything! Sure, I like the odd drink but I cook rather nicely, I'm tidy and I have a steady girlfriend!"

* What's your relationship like with your family now?

"We're good friends. I also have a sixvear-old son, Sam, who lives with my ex-wife in north London. It's much better for him than having a mum and dad who hate each other, but stay together because of the kid. I miss him a lot when I don't see him. God bless his little heart, he's so gorgeous!"

★ Looking back, how d'you feel now about your experience in a children's home?

"Society has the attitude that kids in these homes are villains, but they're not. My early experience of 'home' life was pretty traumatic but it also taught me to stay positive no matter what. I had to grow up more quickly than my friends, but in many cases I reckon I was better prepared for adult life."

- Being taken into care can be a scary prospect. If you find yourself in this situation, ask a parent or social worker to explain why those moves are being made. You deserve to know.
- Care establishments may have a bad reputation, but the reality is usually a lot less intimidating. You may meet people in a similar position who know what you're going through.
- Moving into a home doesn't necessarily mean losing touch with your family. Talk to someone in charge about visiting - in most circumstances you'll be housed somewhere in your locality. Find out for your rights and stick up for 'em!



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Mum caught us in the act

I'm in a terrible situation. Last week my boyfriend and I went a bit too far and ended up in bed together. We weren't going to have sex (neither of us is ready for that), but we were doing

other things. In the middle of all this, my mum came in. It was awful, because she just looked shocked and walked out. I think she should've knocked first. She hasn't spoken to me since, and I feel so horrible. What can I do? Pulp fan (15), Leeds

• Let's face it, as horrible as the experience was for you, it couldn't have been that great for your mum finding you in a clinch with your boyfriend. And pretending this didn't happen isn't going to help matters. You need to talk to her as soon as possible and

explain your side of things as no doubt she's worried, angry and upset. Reassure her that things just got a bit out of hand, but you weren't about to have sex. And you may need to promise it won't happen again. You want her to respect your privacy, but you should also respect her wishes. After all, it is her house and she does have some say in things.

lies about your kissing technique simply because he doesn't want anyone to know the truth. And the truth is, he's deeply insecure about his lack of experience.

But everyone knows kissing takes practice and that it's nothing to get all worked up about. If he can't see this, then he's going to have a tough time with relationships. Try not to let his behaviour get you down. As mean as he's being, both you and he know what the truth really is.

I lied about

When I started going out with my boyfriend, I told him I was a virgin and had never had a boyfriend. The truth is, I've had five boyfriends (and numerous other flings) and I have lost my virginity. I lied because I wanted him to like me, and I didn't want him to know about my past. Although none of my friends know the truth (I moved here recently), I live in fear that

the truth will somehow come out and ruin everything. Just 17 fan (16), Tonbridge

• What's so horrible about your past that makes you think everyone will hate you for it? If losing your virginity and having boyfriends makes you a bad person, then there

are a lot of people keeping you company! The fact is, we all have

pasts and do things that we later come to regret. But this doesn't mean we have to torture ourselves.

Your new friends and your boyfriend like you for yourself, not for what you have or haven't done. You don't necessarily need to confess all – your personal life is no-one's business but your own! However, do remember that no-one expects you to be perfect and flawless. Just be yourself.

He won't get **engaged**

My boyfriend is making me so unhappy. We've been going out for quite a while, yet he won't talk about making our relationship more serious. I want to get engaged, but he keeps saying no. He wants things to carry on as normal. 'Normal' means he sees his mates more than me and I only get to see him when he's free. It really upsets me because I love him and I want everyone to know we're together. What can I do? Patricia (15), Yorks

People don't get engaged because they want everyone to know they're together. They do it because they want to get married, and make a lifetime commitment to each other. At 15, your boyfriend is rightly saying he's not ready for this. This doesn't mean he doesn't love you or want to be with you, it just means he isn't ready to think so long-term.

Instead of wondering why he won't get engaged, why not think about what's really making you unhappy. Are you upset because he won't see more of you, or is it something else? Whichever, you need to talk to him about it.

He said I was a lousy **kisser**

Up until two days ago, I was seeing this guy and thought everything was great. But there was one problem – kissing. Every time we tried to get off with each other, he backed off. I kept trying to reassure him that it didn't matter, but the more I tried to make it OK, the more annoyed he got. Finally, on

one date he said it was all my fault and walked off. The next day at school, he told everyone I was a lousy kisser. I couldn't believe it. Now he won't talk to me. Why is he being so nasty to me? Depressed (15), Derby

People become
 nasty when they feel
threatened. This boy has spread



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Anita Naik

My sister **never dates**

My sister is 17 and always says no when guys ask her out. As far as I know, she's only ever had one boyfriend. She says she's happy, but I think she's lying. A few months ago, my boyfriend got his mate to ask her out, and I tried to encourage her to say yes. But she turned him down and we had a big fight about it. She said it was none of my

business, but it is she's my sister. How can I get her to give boys a chance? Worried sister (16), London

Your idea

of happiness may be having a boyfriend, but it's not everyone's. Look at why your sister's love life is so important to you. Do you think she's lonely and unhappy without a boy? Or is it something else?

Rather than wondering, talk to her about it. Ask her if she's faking it or if she's really having a good time on her own. Her answer may give you some insight into why boys aren't the be-all and end-all of life.

My parents **nag me**

I used to get on really well with my parents, but now I think I hate them. My mum nags me all the time, telling me to clear up and be more respectful to her, and my dad keeps trying to baby me. When I get mad at him, he gets upset and makes out I've really changed. I keep telling them I haven't, but they won't listen. They don't let me have any privacy and freak if I don't tell them where I'm going. Why won't they leave me alone? Anon (14), London

Most parents have a tough time handling the fact that their kids grow up. Remember, your mum and dad are used to you doing what they say and being friends with people they approve of. They're not ready for you to have a mind of your own.

Of course, you're not really helping matters. Keeping quiet about where you're going just makes them think you're hiding something. Why not try a compromise? You agree to tell

them where you're going and who with (after all, it's for your own safety) and in return ask them to cut you some slack. It may not stop all the rows, but it might well help.

I bullied the **new girl**

Last term I wrote letters to the new girl at school, pretending they were from this goodlooking boy in our class. She really fell for it and ended up humiliating herself in front of everyone. Afterwards I felt so bad that I confessed everything to a teacher. She made me

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Missed a period? 0171-617 8005

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Information on abortion 0171-617 8007

Contraception – your questions answered

0171-617 8008

Are you ready for sex?

0171-617 8009.

The condom line 0171-617 8019

Visiting a Brook Centre 0171-617 8010

apologise to the whole class and tell this girl I was sorry. Even though everyone's forgiven me, I still feel bad. She always sits alone and doesn't talk to anyone. I just wish I'd acted differently. Anon (16), Essex

You can't turn back time and pretend this didn't happen. But you don't have to feel awful about it forever. You behaved badly, but at least you had the guts to apologise.

You could always try befriending this new girl. After all, I'm sure she's still humiliated by what happened, and probably feels everyone's laughing at her even now. Here's your chance to prove her wrong.

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Coping with your first period

0171-617 8045

Periods - the facts 0171-617.8046

Toxic Shock syndrome 0171-617 8049

NATIONAL DRUGS HELPLINE

The wrong **boy fancies me**

There's this boy who keeps asking me out. He's friendly. sweet and very nice, but I don't want to date him. I think it's because he does annoying things like buving me flowers and writing me poems. He's even dedicated a radio song to me which everyone heard - it was so embarrassing! Part of the reason I don't want to go out with him is that I'm hoping my ex-boyfriend will come back. We broke up 'cause I caught him two-timing me, but I still love him. Why do the wrong boys always fancy me? Take That fan (15), Hants

• Maybe it's you who fancies the wrong boys! Y'see, you're mad at a lad whose only crime has been to fancy you, yet you're crazy about someone who's lied and cheated. Sometimes we're attracted to boys who behave badly because it seems more romantic. But the truth is, it isn't! If someone loves you, then they should treat you well.

I'm not saying you should date 'the poet', because you obviously don't fancy him. Just don't be mean to him. Tell him kindly you're not interested and leave it at that.

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Corst Sview



For a boy's view on your problems, write to Nick Fisher, Advice, Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. He's happy to answer letters from male readers too.

I fancy his mate

My love life is a complete mess. For the past few months I've really fancied a boy at my school. I really want to tell him how I feel, but the reason I can't is that his best friend fancies me. If I did tell him, I know his mate would be really upset and I don't want to come between them. I've tried to forget about the whole thing, but I can't. What can I do?

Jewel fan, South London

I know you feel somehow responsible for his mate's feelings, but the truth is you're not. Sure, it's hard not to feel torn. But if their friendship is solid, they can cope with you liking one more than the other. In a way



you're assuming you'll have more effect on their lives than maybe you will. For all you know, the mate will accept your choice and simply learn to deal with it.

Remember, relationships are hard enough without burdening yourself with guilt. So if you like this guy, then it's certainly worth giving it a try. However, if

you really do feel uncomfortable about coming between two friends, then don't go out with either of them. The choice is yours.

I'm really ashamed of **my legs**

Now that the weather's warm, all the girls at school are starting to wear shorter skirts without tights. I'd love to do the same, but I'm just too ashamed of my legs - they're short and podgy. The one time I didn't wear tights last year, I felt like all the boys were looking at me differently. At the moment, I haven't got a boyfriend so I'm even more wary about showing my legs. I'm scared it'll put them off. But do boys really care about this kind of thing?

Massive Attack fan

 If you live your life only doing things you think boys will approve of, you'll lose all sense of yourself. Just be you, and do what you want to do. If you fancy bare legs in warm weather, then do it. And if you enjoy it, keep doing it. However if it makes you feel too self-conscious, then maybe it's not worth it.

But whatever you decide, it should be because you feel it's right for you, not because you're looking for boys' approval. Besides, a pair of tights will never make the difference between whether a boy fancies you or not. And if it did, there'd be something deeply wrong with him!

He won't let **me revise**

I've been going out with my boyfriend for six months now. We used to see each other every day, but my exams are coming up so I've been spending more time at home recently. He's older than me and doesn't have any big

exams this year, but for some reason he can't accept that I need time alone to revise. How can I convince him? Alison, Herts

● There's nothing harder than persuading someone you need to do something when they feel you don't. All you can do is reason with him. Explain how unhappy you'd feel if you hadn't had time to revise properly before the exams. Reassure him that this doesn't mean you love him any less. If he throws a strop, then he's not putting your feelings first. He's being selfish.

If you failed the exams and felt it was 'cause he stopped you revising, you may never forgive him. This is an important stage of your life and you need to give yourself every opportunity to succeed. Do this for you, not for him.

They want me to leave **college**

I'm a 17-year-old girl and last year I got asked to join this dance band as their singer. Things are working out well for us and we've had a lot of interest shown in us by agents and management companies. It's got to the point where the others in the band are talking about packing in their jobs to go full-time as musicians. The thing is, I've got another year left at college and I'm not sure if I should take the risk. I'm losing sleep over this, but I just can't come to a decision. Donna, London

• Even if the band starts to become successful, you don't have to give up college. Studying should be a lot more flexible than work, so if things do start to look good for the band, then you need to talk to your tutors and explain the situation. Maybe they can help you work out a part-time solution, or something similar.

If agents and managers are only on the horizon, then wait until

they're a reality before making any decisions, and use the time now to get ahead with your studies. Sure, it'll be hard trying to juggle two things, but not impossible. Often, the ability to do a bit of juggling is what helps people succeed in life.

So don't pack in college yet. After all, a year isn't very long, and anyway the band could still take ages getting off the ground.

He's been **shoplifting**

The other day I went into m brother's room to borrow some trainers. He keeps them in his wardrobe, but when I opened it I discovered a cardboard box packed with CDs that were still in wrappers. I can only think he's nicked them as he doesn't have a job outside school and only gets a small amount of pocket money. I don't want to be a grass, but I really think I should tell Mum before he gets into worse trouble. Is this the right thing to do? Anon, Newcastle United fan

• It's always difficult to know what's right when it involves other people's lives. Most of the time I advise people not to meddle, but in this situation you're being made unhappy by this knowledge. You have to be honest with yourself. Do you want to tell your mum to protect your brother or to get him into trouble? There may be an innocent explanation for these CDs, but to you it seems doubtful.

Asking your brother what's going on might be difficult because he may ask you to swear not to tell your mum. So, if you're uncomfortable about these CDs, just tell your mum. Your brother doesn't have to know you told her – she could make out she found them.

Either way, you shouldn't think of yourself as a grass, but as a sibling who cares. Your brother may not thank you for it in the short term, but if it stops him getting into trouble, it'll have been worth it.



Annabel G

Send your sex-related problems to Annabel G, Advice, Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London WC2H 7ED. It would be helpful if you could include your age.

He always wants



My boyfriend lives about 100 miles away so we only get to see each other at weekends. The problem is, each time we get together, all he wants to do is make love. Sometimes I just don't feel like doing it, even though there's real electricity between us. What do you think I should do about it? EastEnders fan (17), Hull

 As you've discovered, not everyone has the same sex drive. In fact, it sounds like he's got a 13 amp fuse, while you're sparking away on a 5 amp! Plus, if your guy has a high sex drive and abstains all week, I'm not totally surprised that he wants extra helpings at the weekend. However, there's no point keeping your grievances to yourself. Sex is a two-way thing, to be enjoyed equally by both partners. So if you don't say something, you'll end up resenting him. Instead, talk to him and suggest that you and he strike a balance. If he's an understanding kinda guy, I'm sure he'll respect your wishes. After all, neither of you wants to short-circuit the relationship.

activities can have unpleasant consequences. A few people may start a 'beautiful relationship' this way, but there's no guarantee.

> That's why I always say it's wise to get to know a boy really well before you get intimate with him. After all, he may say he cares for you and that you're sexier than Sharon Stone, but how can you believe a virtual stranger? You can't!

really nice at the time. Why

Upset (16), Cornwall

do you think he's doing this?

'Cause he's a jerk, that's why!

But let's sort you out first. You've

learned the hard way that casual sex

If you want a bit of fun on equal terms, then that's your prerogative, but be realistic and don't expect 20 red roses the next day. And as for all the dodgy rumours he's been spreading, people who know the real you will see through his shabby stories. Don't dignify his lies with a response. He isn't worth it.

confidence and you'll see dramatic results. Be open and friendly to boys and don't view them purely as totty.

Lads are self-conscious too, and it's a myth that they all want to date supermodel lookalikes. You're a loveable individual - start believing this and things will change.

The seX-Files

Battle of the sexes part two: 200 boys and girls were asked to list their top three reasons for chucking someone. The most common excuses from the lads' corner were: "I wanted sex but she didn't", "I didn't want to go steady" and "I went off her." And from the girls: "I met someone I liked better", "My boyfriend kept pressurising me to have sex" (like, what else is new?) and "He's really possessive."

Lasy does it

A few days ago, I let my boyfriend kiss and suck my nipples. He's never done this before, and now I've got these strange purple marks on my breasts. At the time he was a bit rough and it sort of hurt, but I didn't want to tell him to stop in case I upset him. Do you think it's possible he's done any damage? I'm worried it may cause breast cancer. Michael Jackson fan (15),

 The skin on your nipples is very sensitive, and if someone kisses 'em too hard it'll cause bruising just like a love bite does on your neck. But worry not - the marks will fade within a couple of weeks.

And please forget scary things like breast cancer. This disease rarely affects women under 35 and can't be triggered by nipple kissing. Also, I'm concerned that you put up with the discomfort at the time. All nookacious acts should be enjoyable, so if you're not enjoying

something, pipe up immediately! You don't have to offend your lad just ask him to be gentler or to stop altogether if that's what you want. After all, it's your body, not his.

The seX-Files

When it comes to snogging, seven out of 10 boys say they'd like a girl to make the first move. So that's why he hasn't kissed you yet. Come on girls, whaddaya waiting for?

e said

Last weekend I went to a party and heavy petted with this boy from school. He's in the year above me and before this I only knew him by sight. We didn't have intercourse, but we did everything but. Now he's spreading nasty rumours that I had sex with him. I'm devastated 'cause he was

I feel **so**

I'm 14 and I've never had a boyfriend. In fact, I haven't even kissed a boy. The problem is, I think I'm ugly and that no-one would fancy me in a million years. This really depresses me, as all my friends have got off with at least one boy. Am I always going to be like this? Name withheld

Honest answer? It's up to you. A close friend once told me that you have to fancy yourself if you want anybody else to. The wise ol' bird had boys falling at her feet. Did she look like Cindy C? Did she heck.

that makes you appealing to the opposite sex. As much as I hate to use clichés, beauty really is in the eye of the beholder.

What does matter, though, is that you take care of yourself, so eat well, exercise and look after your skin and hair. Work at building your

Feedback

I read the letter from the girl with hair on her legs and bikini line, who doesn't want to put her boyfriend off ('Confidential' 15 May). For goodness sake, why should a bit of hair put anyone off? Any guy who thinks like that is an idiot. And boys don't have to battle with wax and creams and tweezers!

I've got hair under my arms and I'm proud of it. And I'm not going to shave my legs this summer either. Does my boyfriend care? No! He likes me the way I am. So come on girls, we've got better things to worry about than smooth legs.

Alice (16), Blackpool

It's all about confidence, comrade. Some gals are happy to shun the razor, while others genuinely prefer to be smooth. The important thing is that you do it for you, and no-one else. Thank you for your strong words. Keep the feedback coming!

But it didn't matter - it's inner confidence and a sunny personality



by Jon Ryder



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to Nicole Kidman who reaches the milestone of 30 on 20 June.

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Pisces

Potential snog day: Fri 21



You tend to say lots of things you don't mean, but this time you're serious. Let's hope your mate understands and knows the difference.

You know that money you put aside and said you'd never touch unless it was absolutely necessary? Well this is that moment.

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An older friend may offer advice. She's helped you out before and you're ashamed to ask again, but she's always glad to help

There's a piece of info that's come your way. Nobody else knows 'cause they couldn't be bothered to find out, It could really help you.

He's just as irritating as he ever was... and just as irresistible too. If it was anybody else, would you put up with it? Probably not

What you agree to today is good for now, sure. It's also good for ages to come - though you don't know it yet. What a wise woman you are.

You make yourself a solemn promise to give more time over to your studies and less to snogs. Just how long will this last, then?

It's such a crazy scam you'd better do it right now. If you think about it or wait 'til tomorrow you'll see how daft it is, and try to bottle out.

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Someone has an idea to put to you. You don't want to turn them down, but you don't want to do what they want either. What'll you do?

It's worth spending that extra five minutes going over it again, just to make sure you haven't made a stupid mistake. Feeling confident now?

Not the best of days for you. The planets are giving the advantage to your most hated enemy today and there's not a lot you can do about it.

You're never sure whether it's a good thing letting the boys in your life meet your family. This time it seems things could be OK.

You get lucky today, when something turns out well by accident. Don't tell anybody you didn't plan it that way, and they'll never know

........ It all gets a bit difficult when you start fancying someone close to horr Everyone else seems to find it funny. Don't worry and be brave.

Wow, what a laid-back babe you are. Don't worry about anything you say, it'll work itself out, just you see. And amazingly - it does.

You like being seen with this person and all that, but must they really follow you about like a lost dog? Explain that you need some space.

The first lesson in being a millionaire - get somebody else to do the work for you. Yep, you could get used to this lifestyle very easily.

Life is just too difficult at times - two good things come up together, and you can only choose one. Decisions, decisions.

You realise you disagree quite seriously with something your parents support or believe in. It's a worrying thought. Must be their age, poor things.

That boy you like so much is saying things about the pair of you that just aren't true. Ask him straight up what he thinks he's doing.

Your friend tells you that you ought to buy one, cause you'd look good in it. What she means is she can't afford it and wants to borrow yours.

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You're making excuses today. Let's face it, if you really wanted to, you could. But there's ne little secret hitch holding you back

Sweet. You and your mate are together, back to back, against the world. It's nice to know you're there for each other. But is it forever?

It's working for him, but you behave like you're from another planet. You're better off when you can relax and just be yourself.



You've decided you just don't care what anybody else thinks, so there! Which just goes to show that you do care, very much indeed.

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If ever the planets were favourable to your asking the parents for a loan this is it. Be tactful today and a cash subsidy could zoom your way!

The sun moves into your sign today, which means you can have it all your own way for the next four weeks or so. Who's a lucky girl then?

The skies say you can't have what you want today and there's no use arguing about it either. That's just how it is sometimes.

It's that celestial revolving doors time out goes an old friend, and in comes a new one. Strange the way things happen like that.

Your opportunity to shine at school is here, and will continue for the next few weeks. What was that promise you made? Is it working already?

You hate it when someone keeps going on about their fave thing/band/person the vhole time. But are you quilty of this crime?

Sagittarians are supposed to be wise beyond their years. But today you've got to act twice your age, which is a bit much really, isn't it?

speaking. And this

could be the day of

........ The next month or so is one of the hot-spots of your year, emotionally

days. Better sit tight. If you're serious about your ambition you'll have to do a lot of work. And some research, too. These things don't just

It's better still when you can be alone together. That way you can concentrate on the things that drew you

happen, you know.

All being well, you could get a snog. And if you weren't so defensive, yo could even make that two. Soft and gentle's the way with this game

You keep wondering if this relationship's going to go the same way as the last one did. It's with a very different sort of lad, so why should it?

Time to put a bit of your

older friend's advice into action. See if you can follow her shining example. After all, if she can do it, why can't you' Oops, today is a blip.

There's heavy pressure from the olds to be a respectable, dutiful daughter. You'd rather not. What can you do?

You try to think of a different approach today, which is why the skies made it difficult for you in the first place. Use your imagination.

This evening could be a bit of a fumble and you're embarrassed. But does that really matter when you like each other so much? 'Course not.

......... Someone is trying to make you look stupid. Watch out - don't be goaded into saying more about a certain subject than you want to.

Uneasy day in the skies for Scorps, so best keep out of sight today and let things slip by. Don't take any unnecessary risks.

You're not sure whether you want that lad right now. And it isn't clear if you're both after the same thing. But he sure is one tasty morsel.

Someone who ought to know better keeps going on about something you I did ages ago. You've grown out of it and it's about time they did too.

......... You tell it to them straight, it's either on or off. They can have whichever one they want c and you don't care. Some ultimatum!

If it's true what they say in the song, that all you need is love, how come you get into such trouble about money? Maybe it's time to re-evaluate.





BU PATE FOUND o men arrenty w Arrayat You're a MESSERE HE and he given it to you מאונים מעניון אפין You and your big mush. Limit yourself to simple things, like 'yes' and 'no' for a while - It'll help you stay out of trouble and keep your friends.

You have an idea. Your mates think it's mally cool, but when you tell your folks they're having none of it. Absolutely no, not ever. But why?

There's ressurance from somere you trust today which cheers you up no end. See? You're not as sad and stupid as OU thought you were!

Smart moves put you in front today, which not only surprises the opposition, but amazes you. Sit back and enjoy that winning feeling.

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Don't let the fact that you've never done it before frighten you. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. All it takes is nerve.

........ Love has come to get ion the broad you ead his wants ATT OO AT YOU going to turn him down?

The stars are promising major love stuff today. but I'd stay cool if I re you. Act like you're the ice maiden and have seen it all before.

Luck gets you out of deep doo-doo today. But it was your brainlessn that dumped you in it in the first place. Hey! Wake up there!

A trend of a triend - and she's not saying who it is has a secret to pass on Like all the best corrects it tells you less than you hoped it would. Busy day, A lot happens in a short time, but somehow you're no further ahead at the end than you were when the whole thing began.

You know you have to sooner or later, but will you be missing out on anything if you make it later rather than sooner? I think not. Be patient.

Finally, you get your wish. There's a price tag mached, as you might have guessed. But to you it's nothing too outraceous or difficult.

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Here's your DIY astro kit. Today's planets say 'look', 'new', and 'boy', in any order. Is that 'look - a new boy' or 'newlook boy'? Who knows?

You're thinking too much about the past, perhaps dwelling on the girl who came before you. Bad move. It's history, OK? Live for tomorrow.

Just because you didn't like it the first time doesn't mean you won't like it if you try again. And you won't know unless you do, will you?

It's not often your mates see you lose your cool. But today could be that day. And it's yourself you're mad at more than anyone else. Why?

OK, if that's what you want to do, go for it. But it's a 100-per-cent-thing. Half-trying isn't even half good enough. You've gotta go for gold.

When you left him, you said you didn't think you'd ever have anything to say to him again. So why is it that you're you phoning him again?

...... Yes, you know about your promise, but that was last week. Today things are just too tempting and besides, you're only young once.

You give in to temptation and it's well worth it. Librans need snogs like other people need food and let's face it, you've been starving to death.

Why is your mate talking to that boy you fancy? Is it about you? Is it about him? Is it about them? Why won't they say? What's up?

Prove to him he's yours and that you want him. Remind him, in case it's slipped his mind, that you're the best thing since summer holidays.

Another uneasy day, like Saturday. There's something going on at home, but it doesn't really concern you. Best not get involved.

He's a lot better than being on your own and you're sure you can work out your differences. The planets agree with you, too. Better go for it.

You do something really outrageous today, but nobody seems very impressed. It's more or less what people expect from the likes of you.

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The way you're handling school work on a day-today basis is fine. But it's useless in the long term. Sort yourself out shamish and it'll be OK

A chore you hate turns out to be good fun. Don't let on how much you like it, though, or you'll be lumbered with it for the rest of your life.

You have a chance to show off today, but choose not to. Is this because a certain boy's watching and you really care what he thinks?

You're doing things for all the wrong reasons today. Don't ask your ites what you should do either. Ask yourself and give an honest reply.

You sort it out. It was all a silly misunderstanding. of course, but it was pretty close to the edge. Keep talking and it won't

happen to you again.

You can't imagine being apart ever again and the snogs prove it. Mind you. don't forget you have to come up for air and food from time to time.

The thought of how close you came to messing it up makes your mind up for you. Things will be different from now on, you swear

Good day for saying sorry to everybody at home. They're fine about understand. But chances are they haven't a clue.

Sexy, snogful and secretive day. Follow your own instincts and make sure nobody gets in the way or asks stupid questions.

Better your boy friends than your girl friends for advice this time. Boys can be more honest but don't expect them to mollycoddle you.

by Lara W A DOOL A

Take a walk on the weird side of life

Fancy being able to read your own palm? Take a look at our diagram below and the future will be in your hands...

Girdle of Venus

Not to be mistaken with your ring of Venus. Study this line carefully as it represents your sensitive inner emotions. If it's broken, you're very susceptible to your feelings. If it's straight, then you don't let your heart rule your head.

Marriage and children line

If your marriage line is strong and deep it indicates a good relationship. The little vertical lines above denote the number of kids you'll have. If they're deep, they'll be boys.

Heart line

This line's connected with emotions. If your line is smooth and curved, it means you're balanced in your affairs. Whereas if it's chained or broken, it represents a dirty, flirty nature.

Simian line

This line might only appear on one of your palms. If it does, it represents a strong character. You're prone to coming across as immature, loud and bolshy. It can also imply that you're not to be trusted. Let's hope you don't have a Simian line then!

Head line

A deep, straight headline going across your palm symbolises strength and determination. If it slopes down it implies creativity and a low boredom threshold. A broken or forked line suggests minor setbacks, but nothing to worry about.

Fate line

This line goes from wrist to middle finger and shows your destiny. If your line's crystal clear, an important job is heading your way. If the line stops abruptly, then

look before you leap.

Ring of Venus

If your ring of Venus is deep, it implies a strong bond with your family as you grow older. If it's faint, family ties won't be your main priority.

Don't fret if your life line's short or broken - you're not about to pop your clogs. It just shows you've a secret desire to embark on a new life. If your life line's long, then it represents a huge appetite for life.

Got a spook-tacular tale to tell or a scary photo? Send 'em to 'Spooky!', Just 17, 20 Orange Street, London, WC2H 7ED. If your letter is printed, you'll win £25.

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An alphabet of dream meanings for you to collect

Teeth

To dream of teeth is very common and symbolises a dreamer's fear of the future. If all your dreampearlies pop out of your mouth, you want to get to grips with problems, but don't feel able. Don't grin

and bare it, face those troubles head on. Toys

Toy dreams represent new and exciting situations just

around the corner. But if the toys are all broken and bandaged then you need to mend your immature ways sharpish, or you'll find yourself without any mates. C'mon, girl, grow up!

Treasure

If you see yourself surrounded by pots of lovely loot, then your luck is about to change for the better. However, if your treasure took a bit of digging for, then you're going to



have to work hard for your rewards. Still, it'll be worth it in the long run.

My big sis' carries on like a performing seal – and it's s'posed to be funny...

hloe is snogging my Oasis CD right in front of my mates, sighing, "Oh Liam, let me be your lip gloss," in a stupid voice. "Cut it out, Chloe," I say, rescuing luscious Liam and wiping him dry with my sleeve. "What's the matter? Can't little Katie take a joke?"

"Yeah," I snap. "When it's funny. Next time, slobber over your own CDs."

Meet my big sis', Chloe – 18 years old and a major pain. My mates, Jinny and Bella, think she's hilarious. I think anyone who has to snog a CD to get a laugh is in need of a personality transplant.

I hand out coffee to my mates. Chloe grabs the last mug and squeezes herself into my seat on the sofa. "So what are we doing now?" she asks.

"Jinny, Bella and I are watching Brookie," I say, hoping she'll get the message and leave us alone. She doesn't. She just makes herself comfy. But I'm not giving up that easily. "I thought you were going out?" I say.

"Changed my mind," she yawns.
"I'm staying in tonight." Great.

for a BYOD – Bring Your Own Duvet party. We get enough Keanu vids to keep us in Ke-heaven all night long. We're just preparing to drool over *Speed*, when Jinny asks, "Where's Chloe?"

Just the mention of her name sends me into a mood. "She's out with friends." Jinny and Bella exchange glances. Then Jinny shuffles closer, looking kind of awkward. "No offence, Kate," she says. "But Chloe does take things a bit too far sometimes. Doesn't she get on your nerves?"

I almost choke on my hot choc. "Are you kidding?" I splutter. "She's the sister from hell. I thought you two liked her!"

"We do," says Bella. "But we come round to see you, not Chloe."

h happy day! What a relief. Two seconds later Chloe bursts into the lounge and flicks on the lights. "Hey girls," she says excitedly. "Why didn't you tell me you were having a sleep-over?"

"Because we wanted to have some fun," I mutter under my breath. She doesn't hear me. But Jinny and Bella do, and they smile in sympathy. "Keep a spot



yells, "That's fine by me." But she doesn't sound fine. In fact, her voice is kind of wobbly and her bottom lip is quivering dangerously. Suddenly, she bursts into tears.

She tells me how she's not really loud and obnoxious. That it's all an act, because she's shy. "And

with my arm round her shoulders, trying to think of some soothing words. I'm giving advice to my big sis', not the other way round.

"Sometimes," I tell her gently, hoping it's the right thing to say, "you try too hard and it scares people off. Just be yourself, Chloe. You don't have to be hilarious 24

"Anybody who has to snog a CD to get a laugh

is in need of a personality transplant."

Just what I need. Another evening of Chloe the performing seal.

he isn't always this obnoxious. When we're alone, she can be quite normal. But as soon as my friends come round, she's like a different person, showing off, being loud. I can't figure her out. Why can't she go and bug her own friends?

It's time to take action. I decide to plan a Chloe-free evening. She's going out on Friday night, and Mum and Dad won't be back 'til late. So I invite my mates round warm for me and my Bon Jovi vid," says Chloe. No way. This time she's gone too far.

"Stop right there," I yell, following her into the hall. "This is my sleep-over, Chloe. You and Jon Von Bogey are not invited, got it?"

"So-rry," she shouts back in a sarky voice. "I was only trying to be friendly."

"Yeah, right," I snap. "More like taking over, as usual. Well, just for once, butt out of my life, OK?"

She goes a bit red in the face

I'm useless at making friends," she sobs. "That's why I spend so much time with you and your mates." Blimey. Chloe, shy? I don't know what to say. I've never seen her like this before. "Why didn't you say something sooner?" I ask, trying not to blub myself.

he looks at me like I'm dumb.
"When was the last time we had a heart-to-heart, Kate?"

She's got a point. We usually do more yelling than talking. Suddenly, I feel bad for shouting at her. I sit

hours a day."

She eventually stops sobbing and says, "Thanks for listening, sis'." Then she gives me a hug. Maybe we should have heart-to-hearts more often.

"I'll sit upstairs in my room, if you like," she sniffs. I don't believe it! She's actually offering to stay out of my space. It's funny, but now I don't mind her being around.

"Go and get your duvet, Chloe," I grin. "But no Bon Jovi, OK?"

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- Not Alone, sung Jacko (3,3)
- 8 Alice sat forms a hit-making band (anag 8) 10 This Home And Away character sounds
- heavenly (5)
- 11 Bloke that you snog with regularly (9)
- 12 TV presenter Deayton (5)
- 13 Everyday language from Def Leppard (5)
- 15 They welcomed you with Open Arms (4)
- 17 Twelve (5)
- 19 Pam turns into a small amplifier (anag 3)
- 21 And that's the truth from Meat Loaf (2,3,3,3)
- 23 Cruise, Hulce, Selleck maybe (3)
- 24 Bud Rats form a not so manic group (anag 7)
- 25 Could be Morley, could be Barlow (3)
- 26 Braveheart Gibson (3)
- 27 Duo that were all Fingers And Thumbs (7)

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- 1 The Manic Street Preachers had a design for it (4)
- 2 It was a misspelt hit for PJ & Duncan (1,5,4)
- 3 His first name is Christian (5)
- 4 That Anywhere Is hitmaker (4)
- 5 Man United soccer ace (4,5) 6 —— Heroes (Black Grape) (6)
- 9 As used by Stephen Hendry (3)
- 10 U2 member (4,7)
- 11 Group found amid Emily Bishop (3)
- 14 One lived in Aladdin's lamp (5)
- 16 Could be Roth, could be Vincent (3)
- 17 Coronation Street regular played by Anne Kirkbride (7)
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26 These Days DOWN: 1 Jarvis Cocker; 2 Suggs; 3 Earth Song; 4 Pianos; 5 Elle MacPherson; 8 Endless (Love); 12 & 23 plus

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Oklahoma!

The time: 6.35pm, Sat 22 June. The place: C4.

The buzz: This classic cornball movie, staring ex-Partridge Family mom Shirley Jones, gives you the chance to learn all the words to I'm Just A Girl Who Can't Say No and Oh, What A Beautiful Morning. Schmaltz at its best.

Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

The time: 7pm, Sat 22 June. The place: Sky One. The buzz: Half-man, half-god

Hercules makes Superman look like the wimp of the century as he deftly takes on all types of classical creatures - Minotaurs, Cyclops and Gorgons galore. Quirky, with oddball '90s references.



Soap Central Switch onto our weekly round-up



EastEnders

It's hankles out for Arthur's funeral. But what made him pop his clogs? Pat suggests a night out with Kathy and Simon and Tony have a heart-to-heart.

Neighbours

Libby's annoyed when Sonny's over-keen to get his rumpy-

pumpy. Brett wants to be bad, but he's not that kinda guy. And Stonie's fling with Annalise will make it tough living on the street.

Brookside

Max puts Susannah on hold, while Sinbad can't believe his luck when someone finds him irresistible. Who's the secret admirer, then?



Home and Away

Kelly takes some time off to be with Travis, Jack steals Harry's money and Bert has a heart attack. Dylan starts talking for the first time since Shane's death.

Coronation Street



Alf's given the freedom of Weatherfield and even has a building named after him. Steve's back and gives Mike Baldwin an ultimatum. Don and Josie are at loggerheads.

Emmerdale

Bad-boy Marcus leads Scott astray into the world of crime. Roy Glover borrows Linda's car without permission and has an accident with a mad cow - and we don't mean Kim...

Hollyoaks

Michael and Nadia's romantic breakfast is spoilt when Michael gets road rage. Ruth tells Kurt that only one of them will be going to America. So will Kurt go on the lads' holiday?



Quote of the

"People ask, 'Don't you get depressed because everybody is bloody and dying?' You go, 'Yeah, but after the director yells CUT! all those 'patients' get up and smoke a cigarette.'" Gorge George Clooney talks about the ER day job.

TV diva Dannii Minogue reveals her fave show

"I just love Friends. The characters are brilliant and the dialogue really makes me chuckle."

film

Flower

Bring on Rose McGowan, the 20-year-old spunky starlet of

upcoming black comedy, The Doom Generation. Rose was in Children of God the same cult River **Phoenix** was



in - and grew up near Florence, Italy, on a hippy commune.

Following her role in Doom, the calls have been flooding in. "It's mainly lawyers and managers trying it on," she says. "But it's not quite a casting-couch situation. Like, they cast you and then want to have sex." Watch this chick...

A big boo hiss to the Cannes Film Festival which banned British film Trainspotting from the main festival, claiming it was pro-drugs. Politico Virginia **Bottomley**

disagreed, saying no-one could possibly think it was soft

> on drugs. Ewan MacGregor

who was the film's anti-hero.

Renton, was cheesed off by the ban but it didn't stop him enjoying a bit of family fun with wife Eve and their baby, Clara.

"I love making films, but family life is what it's all about," said proud pop Ewan. Awww!

me in turn on tune in

What's everyone's fave ex-Brookie star Anna Friel up to? Well, she's in



Croydon filming Tribe, a flick about an '80s, er, tribe. But beau Darren Day's in Blackpool doing Summer Holiday, so the two only meet at weekends. Spies tell us Anna's fed up 'being serious'.

It looks like the girl just wants to have fun - and who can blame her?

An Eye For An Eye (18)

The deal: Karen McCann (Sally Field) is happily married, has a great job, two kids and good friends. Life's perfect... until a stranger murders her daughter. Then the courts release the killer on a minor technicality. Sounds a bit grim: Yep, and it gets even grimmer when Karen

takes justice into her own hands and goes after the killer herself. Worth a watch? Only if you're



a hard-core crime fan. On screen: 21 June Anita

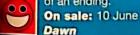
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Before Sunrise (15)

How'd you like Ethan Hawke to invite you to spend 14 hours in Vienna before he flies home? Well, he asks French babe Julie Delpy and, quelle surprise, she says oui. In one night they explore



the beautiful Austrian city and also manage to fall in love - big time. After a while you'll feel like you've been mates with them for yonks oh, and prepare for a real blubfest of an ending.



music

Songstress Alison Limerick is re-releasing her classic single Where Love Lives. We asked her about the first time it was out, in 1992... Lost in space

"Once I turned up at a club in North London and had to get on



to perform the song. Everyone just looked at me. wondering who I was. It was awful. But all my live stuff since

a podium

then has been a lot better!"

Radio ga ga

"The first time I heard Where Love Lives on the radio was amazing. I leaped around and called all my mates up."

Second time around

"People still want to buy the record, so we're re-releasing it. British soul music is really popular at the moment - people like Mark Morrison are huge.'

What the stars are grooving to



Lisa Moorish

"I really like The Bends LP by Radiohead. I heard some of the singles on the radio and they really grew on me, so I bought the album. It's amazing."



Cranberry sauce

Dolores O'Riordan of The Cranberries on her music and her private life: "My

husband says, 'You should see the band as a job and switch off at the end of the day.' But I can't. I write about my life, and talk about my life all day. I can't just come home and pretend it didn't dredge up things from my past. When you're giving everything to your music, it dominates your psychology, so you go to sleep, and boom, you're back at work." Wise words, missus.

Album of the week The Brit Pops Orchestra

It Must Be...

Hot on the heels of The Mike Flowers Pops come



the Brit Pops Orchestra. If you have a hankering to hear a

cheesy cover of Line Up by Elastica, or a mournful saxophone version of Oasis's Live Forever, then look no further. Perfect for when you're too weary to boogie, but still want to hear those Britpop tunes.



magic





Spin *It* or Bin It

Babylon Zoo Boy with The X-Ray Eyes

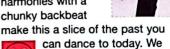
Mr Mann has gone even more intergalactic, with a blasting rocket



of a song. He sounds further out than Pluto, and spacier than Star Trek.

Bizarre Inc Surprise

Cool '60s-type harmonies with a chunky backbeat





won't be at all surprised if this is massive.

D.O.P.

Groovy Beat Well named, my

friends! This is indeed a very groovy

number that demands a shuffle round the dancefloor too. We



reckon the band name stands for Dance Our Pants. off. Whaddaya reckon?

Daisy Dee Just Jump

Hello, I'm your local club's dancefloor. Please don't listen to

this record or else you'll be jumping all over me and I'll have



bruises for weeks. No, make that months. It's pumpin'.

Gova Dress Crush

Yee haw! Perky guitars meet Sleepertype vocals for a brisk run through a park on a sunny day.



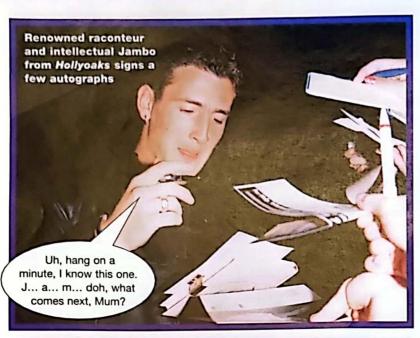
This is all about having a crush on someone - which is



something all of us can identify with (sigh!).



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And if you turn this wheel here, the car

Smart! Just like an







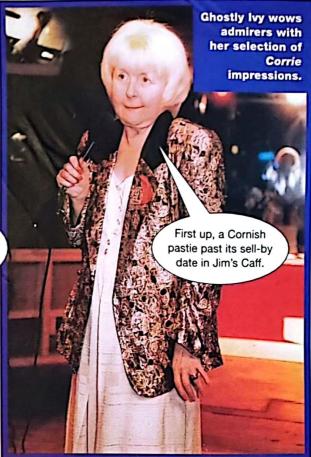


7 days of groovers 'n' schrnoozers

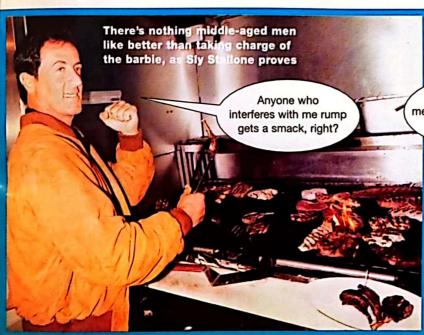


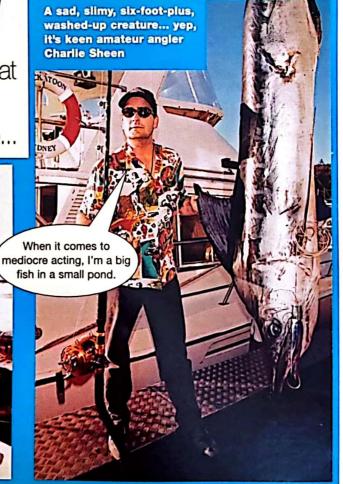






We chucked a shrimp on the celeb barbie at the opening of Planet Hollywood in Sydney, and caught up with a few barmy Poms too...





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